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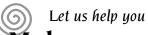
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Songs of Childhood

Linus explores a new world

inus O'Brien, my grandson, is 3 tomorrow. Like all little ones, he is busy reflecting back, through his own unique being, the worlds in which he's been immersed. Two of his worlds are books and songs, to which he pays extraordinary and repeated attention. The words then come out in situations that seem to him analogous. A few examples:



It is December of last year, and Linus is 2. He is visiting in Utah, and one terrible night his intestinal machinery is giving him fits. In the midst of sitting up in bed crying and flailing around with a plastic bottle, he mistakenly hits the edge of an alcove wall with the bottle. He hears a crack, and with it the moment in Dr. Seuss' Horton Hatches an Egg when the egg Horton the Elephant has been sitting on for a year hatches out. Amid stomach pain tears, Linus blurts out with impressive memory, "'It's mine!' cried the bird when she heard the egg crack. (He had done all the work, now she wanted it back!)""

Linus and I are walking through the snow, following the tracks of a fox that has moved through the yard the night before. Linus is having a great time tracking the fox's movements until he remembers what the fox was after in the song, "The Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night." Linus suddenly stops. "Oh no!" he guietly laments. "Duck and goose." (As in, "He grabbed a grey goose by her neck and swung a duck across his back, and didn't mind the quack, quack, quack, or the legs all dangling down-o, down-o, down-o; Didn't mind the quack, quack, quack, or the legs all dangling down-o").

Linus, 2 and a half, is confused about how to move forward rather than backward on a tricycle in a Sacramento bicycle shop. He somehow tries both at once and comes to an awkward stop. Unembarrassed, he looks up at the watching store owner, and happily pronounces from The Little Engine That Could: "I came to a stop with a jerk. I simply could not go another inch."

Linus, 2 and three quarters, has walked to a neighbor's vard to see their goats. But the neighbors also have June, a large, friendly bear of a dog, who takes an immediate interest in Linus. Linus' fear is rising as he tries to get away from June by running around and around the legs of five adults. Regardless, June's nose is faithfully glued to Linus' back. Suddenly, at the height of his terror, Linus rings out across species barriers, "All around the cobbler's bench, the monkey chased the weasel."

Linus loves the planets and has heard about them many times in books. Ask him the planets' names, and he begins to reel them off: "Earth, Venus, Pluto, Mars, Myranus ..." Myranus? Well, Linus has heard "Your-Ranus" so he reasonably feels it is his Ranus.

And then there's the cultural worlds he hasn't yet encountered. Linus, his dad, Josh, and mom, Laura, are jumping on the bed. "I'm a bird!" Linus calls out.

"I'm a plane," Laura announces.

"I'm Superman!" Josh shouts.

"Oh!" Linus inquires, pausing his bounces, "What soup do you make? I like

And then there are the cultural worlds he has apparently entered of which Josh and Laura are unaware. After they ask 2-and-a-half-year-old Linus why he won't let them know when he's pooped in his diaper, Linus gives an answer that would make Cheney proud: "I do not have to speak the truth."

"Where did he get that one?" Josh asks Laura.

In his car seat behind Josh and Laura, Linus hears them spelling out a word he can't decipher: D-I-A-P-E-R. Not to be bested, Linus wants to let them know he's on to their game. "L-I-N-U-S. Linus," he calls out, adding, for good measure, "Linus Compendia,"

Linus has gotten a stethoscope for his birthday. He is reaching up under Josh's shirt to listen to his heart. "I should let you know," Linus gravely notes, "this is going to be a little bit cold."

I should let you know, Linus, that you and your age-mates (in reasonable numbers, of course) are more than a little bit wonderful.

Mary O'Brien of Eugene has worked as a public interest scientist since 1981. She can be reached



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STAYING ALIVE

Our deflating economy may though we hope it won't - produce the worst times since the 1930s. With state and local government budgets in crisis, Gov. Kulongoski seeks federal funds for infrastructure while proposing that thousands of Oregonians lose in-home and child care, funding investment for the future with "painful disinvestments in the present." The R-G calls those cuts "unsavory," but the governor's term was more accurate, though inadequate. Try "life-threatening" in some cases; for example, when loss of child care means inability to work, even if you're lucky enough to have a job.

Investing for the future is important. But meanwhile, so is staying alive. Already hundreds of thousands of Oregonians live in poverty, while the federal treasury has thrown trillions of dollars at financiers whose casino-style "innovations" caused this slowmotion train wreck in the first place

We should use at least several hundred billions of federal money to bail out ourselves — cities and states — and not just for infrastructure as it's usually understood. Otherwise escalating service cutbacks will hurt our most vulnerable neighbors, causing more job losses and economic contraction. As federal taxpayers we should thus build for the future partly by funding life-saving health care and social services — so we can all have a future.

Federal funds to weatherize low-income housing should also be expanded, both saving energy and creating jobs. These programs operate in Eugene as well as throughout Oregon, and investments in them have a wonderful multiplier effect in local economies.

> Robert Roth Eugene

RACKET PREVAILS

Rob Bolman, inveterate liberal (letters, 11/26): It's a good thing Piercy (savior) defeated Torrey (devil) or we'd have deafening silence about the cops brutalizing the peaceful anti-pesticide protest in May or their outrageously jackbooted attack on the campus Campbell Club last week. And what a relief that Obama (savior) beat McCain (devil); otherwise we'd have a pronukes, pro-death penalty, blank-check-for-Israel-to-steal-every-last-inch-of-Palestinian-land, pro-PATRIOT Act, same-oldgang-running-things, etc. ruler! Get the irony,

You don't see not voting as a first step to rejecting the racket-as-usual because you evidently see the prevailing order as basically sound and healthy. Your lesserof-two-evils perspective helps guarantee that things will keep getting worse for life in general. You legitimate and reproduce a toxic system with every vote. Instead of the passive consumerism involved, when will it be time for acting with vision and independence?

> John Zerzan Eugene

NOT A ZERO GAIN

William Lewis makes the claim that converting automobiles to electric power is at best a net zero gain in reducing environmental damage. I would agree that an electric automobile is still a large chunk of metal on the road adding to congestion, but at least it isn't continuously burning fuel, even at idle. Most electric vehicles are designed for local driving, typical of 80 percent of our auto use, and are typically smaller. Therefore they are quite appropriate as urban vehicles, a net gain for the environment.

Lead acid batteries are not very efficient but are cheap and durable enough to last through their warranty and have been totally recycled in this country for many years. Recycling is obviously a base resource industry and like many other resource industries can be exploitive of the poor and third world countries, but that too is improving, with a net gain for the car. When finally depleted, the batteries are recycled by their manufacturers in the same factories where they were made — a closed loop system, another net gain for the environment.

While battery production is increasing, using far less toxic materials, oil production will inevitably decline, a net gain for the environment.

Many diverse solutions are required, the most significant of which is consuming and driving less. An efficient electric vehicle is a significant step in that direction, and if it's manufactured locally, we all benefit.

Mark Murphy Blue Sky Design Creswell

MORE VOTES THAN PIERCY

In his post-mortem on the November election, Alan Pittman writes ("Obamaville," 12/4) that 72 percent of Eugene voters supported Obama. It was interesting that Obama was 20 percent more popular than Mayor Piercy and more than 4,000 voters "undervoted," refusing to select either candidate.

A friend who volunteered for the Piercy campaign was shocked when they asked her not to submit a letter to the *R-G* about Torrey's record on the West Eugene Parkway. They claimed it would be "divisive" to tell the public that Torrey encouraged ODOT to waste millions studying the WEP even after he had admitted the highway was unlikely to be approved by the FHA due to its illegalities. She still voted for Piercy against Torrey, but

that is a negative goal, not a positive one.

In November 2007 nearly all of Eugene rejected the mayor's proposal to spend tens of millions to subsidize chain stores to take over downtown. Two days after this defeat, Piercy cast the swing vote at the Lane Council of Governments Metropolitan Policy Committee in favor of a long-term Regional Transportation Plan to allocate \$817 million in highway expansion funds to widen highways in the metro area. This is not "sustainability."

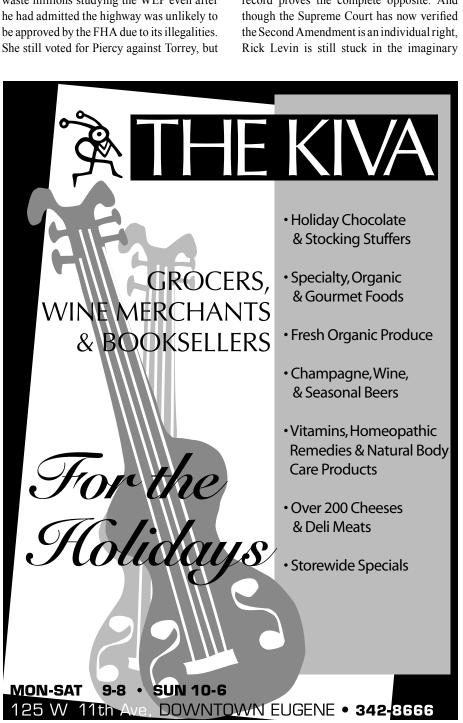
I appreciated Bonny Bettman's op-ed (11/26) opposing efforts at City Hall to undermine the police review process that are being pushed by Piercy and most of the council. Police accountability was more popular with Eugene voters than re-electing the incumbent mayor.

Mark Robinowitz Eugene

STUCK IN DREAM WORLD

"Bang Bang Shoot Shoot" was the title of a controversial article in EW (12/4). It was an interesting read nonetheless, but where in the Second Amendment does it say joining a well-regulated militia is a requirement for owning a firearm like Rick Levin claims? It doesn't!

Even anti-gun Obama admits that the Second Amendment is an individual right and claims to support it, though his voting record proves the complete opposite. And though the Supreme Court has now verified the Second Amendment is an individual right, Rick Levin is still stuck in the imaginary









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Another Millionaire Coach

Extravagance during an economic crisis

t takes calloused chutzpah to squander \$7 million on an unproven head football coach when a national crisis leaves millions jobless. That is what UO Athletics Director Pat Kilkenny – a big business recruit who spends money to make up for the vacuum in his understanding of college athletics – has announced for Ducks football.

His latest extravagance is awarding a \$7 million contract, for five years as the next Ducks head football coach, to the newest member of the coaching staff, Chip Kelly. He will become Oregon's third millionaire coach with Ernie Kent (men's basketball) and football's Mike Bellotti. The announcement was coupled with word that Bellotti has agreed to succeed Kilkenny when Bellotti decides to give up coaching in the next year or two.

Bellotti's imminent departure from coaching is bad news for Oregon football, which has prospered under his guidance. It is compounded by the fact that Oregon varsity athletics may have to suffer under the uncertain guidance of Kilkenny for two or more years yet. One of Bellotti's skills – shared with Oregon's greatest coach, the late Len Casanova – is the ability to hire top-flight assistants. That is what he did when he plucked Kelly from his assistant's post at the anonymous football program of New Hampshire University. The wisdom of the choice was seen when Kelly produced explosive offensive units the past two seasons.

But handling the complex management tasks of a head coach? Hiring a man with limited or no college experience as a head coach is rare, maybe foolhardy. It has happened, as it did with Bellotti when he succeeded Rich Brooks. But that came only after Bellotti's many years as chief assistant in Oregon's Division I program.

Hiring Kelly for the top job is but the latest in a series of Kilkenny's financial boondoggles. Raising big money was his prime mandate when hired, mainly for construction of a new basketball emporium to replace McArthur Court. Its projected cost – \$250 million, and growing – would make it the nation's most costly facility for college basketball.

The UO administration helped him by twisting arms of state legislators to issue state bonds to underwrite costs. That was at the insistence of Oregon's most generous donor, Phil Knight, whose gift of \$100 million was contingent on getting state funding.

Another example of Kilkenny's ability to find holes in which to throw money is plans for a \$15 million baseball stadium next to Autzen Stadium for a sport that has not been played at Oregon since 1981. To reinstate baseball, we were told wrestling had to be dropped "to save money."

A chief task for an athletics director is to hire and fire. From decades in college athletics, I know every director keeps a list of his top four or five choices to interview if his coach chooses to quit or is fired. Kilkenny's lack of athletics experience causes him to take this easy way out with Kelly. On the open market, he could choose from major school assistants who are the top 10 prospects nationally – for less than \$1 million annually. His actions suggest he does not know who they are nor how to go about approaching them.

Considering Kelly's lack of college head coaching experience, the gamble of hiring him could have been mitigated with a two-year contract for significantly less money. Then if/when he fails in the big job, there is not a massive payoff required when he departs by request.

An ominous economic future causes Americans to face growing joblessness and bankruptcy. Yet the mindless commitment of university funds for UO coaching millionaires continues.

George Beres is former sports information director at the UO and at his alma mater, Northwestern University. He was national chairman of the Intercollegiate Committee on Gambling Awareness in 1970.

LCTTC'S TO THE EDITOR

dream world where individual rights do not exist.

Apparently "the people" in the First Amendment isn't an individual right either. Sorry, but you don't have the right to practice religion individually or even speak freely according to this logic.

The Second Amendment states, "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of *the people* to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

The well regulated militia is necessary to the security of a free state, yes, but where does it say I must join one in order to own a gun? It says the people's right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed!

Alexander Novikoff Eugene

NET JOB LOSS

Increased logging under the new Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR) will create timber jobs, but the BLM acknowledges these jobs may be created at the expense of losing jobs and income in other economic sectors. They provide no explanation of what these losses might be, but a downloadable report on Highway199.org provides a good insight. For example, the 3,000 timber jobs created by the WOPR could result in the loss of 40,000 or more jobs in other economic sectors, impairment of tourism industry growth could cause the loss of billions of dollars annually, and Oregon can expect to lose about \$9 billion in private land value. The WOPR has an incomplete economic

analysis, and the consequences to Oregon's economic future appear to be serious.

This type of planning is what got us into our current economic crisis, and the WOPR is poised to increase the crisis in Oregon.

Roger Brandt Cave Junction

DOG SWEATER JOURNALISM

EW has reached a new low with the article "Fairmount Faces Arena" by writer Jessica Hirst that you published Nov. 13. That article was even more one-sided and inaccurate than the UO and city of Eugene press releases that get repeated word for word by our lazy local media.

Recently it was reported by the *R-G* (11/30) that costs associated with the Nike arena have risen by \$80 million. That amounts to \$330 million in public dollars needed to support Nike and Kilkenny's "pet project." UO got a \$100 million "gift" from Nike for the arena that they are not allowed to use until the arena faces a financial crisis. Did you ever consider interviewing our governor about why he is in favor of such a costly Nike project at UO?

If EW is a "watchdog" publication, it is a watchdog who wears a doggy sweater. It is a watchdog whose day has come to be put to sleep at the nearest veterinarian's office.

Zachary Vishanoff Eugene

RANDOM RAKING

I am a senior at Sheldon High School and am involved in a group called the



Acts of Kindness Club." Our goal is to make the world a better place, and to spread happiness into people's hearts through random acts of kindness. One of our club's trademarks is that we give a little business card to the receivers of our kind acts, encouraging them to do something nice to someone else, and to pass it on. Some activities we have done include giving out free hugs at football games, raking the lawns of random people in neighborhoods and just last week, on Black Friday, handing out little cards at Valley River with a mint attached that say things like "Have a great day."

The reactions for the most part have been positive. However, we are trying not to be discouraged by some of

the obstacles we are facing. While we were raking lawns, someone called the police because they thought we were breaking in. When we were giving out the cards and candy, security was called on us repeatedly saying that there had been complaints about us, and we were asked to leave.

I find it extremely sad that people in today's society do not believe that other people would do something nice for another person, just out of the goodness of their heart, with no strings attached. People complain about teenagers, and yet when we do try to do something positive, we still get complaints. We will continue our random acts of kindness and encourage everyone to be a little kinder to each other as well.

Alex Young Eugene

POLISHING TURDS

President Bush is currently on his "Polish my Presidential Legacy Tour." So let us look at some snapshots of that legacy. Remember the look on Bush's face when an aide



interrupted his reading of My Pet Goat to tell him that the U.S. was under attack. President Bush had ignored all the warnings that an attack was coming. Remember the vacant look on Bush's face as he looked down upon the drowning city of New Orleans? Bush had ignored all the warnings that a killer hurricane was approaching.

I'll always remember Bush's cheek-chewing answer to ABC's Charlie Gibson's question about the economy. Gibson: "Do you feel in any way responsible for what's happening?" Bush: "You know, I'm the president during this period of time, but I think when the history of this period is written, people will realize a lot of the decisions that were made on Wall Street took place over a decade or so before I arrived."

President Bush can put on all the turd polish that he can, but history will view his legacy as the president who constantly ignored all warnings and stood by as his country crumbled under his watch.

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HI-TECH ON HOLD

One of President-elect Obama's strategies for pulling the country out of recession is to invest in new and "green" technologies and education that will put the U.S. back in a leadership role in the global economy. But will an infusion of capital into U.S. companies and universities happen quickly enough to keep ahead of the Chinese, Brits and Russians? With the downturn in the economy, a lot of advanced U.S. technology is currently on hold, awaiting capital.

"The Russians are making a massive financial commitment, not only in research but in financing potentially viable business initiatives," said Oregon nanotechnology consultant Brian Lundquist this week in an interview with *EW*. "The Chinese are training thousands of new research scientists and engineers in nanotech. The month before last (October) we saw more nanotech patents applied for by a Chinese university than the whole University of California system."

Whether Obama's strategies will mean more money right away for the UO's growing nanotechnology center remains to be seen. UO is considered to be on the forefront of "green nano" and chemical-related nano research. The Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI) operates in collaboration with OSU, PSU and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory on nanotech research. The patents from academic research often end up being sold ("transferred" is the industry term) to private firms or the government, but reaching the market with improved products and processes can be a long and expensive process.

Lundquist, president and CEO of Nanotechnology Now (www.nanotech-now.com), based in the Portland area, says in order for the U.S. to compete, the country needs to do more than just fund research. "We need financing to help new U.S. companies ramp up their technology and start producing marketable products."

He said that "venture capitalists and IPO markets are cautious of putting money into emerging technology. The government can make a difference by filing this need for capital, owning a stake in these companies and speeding up the time from discovery to market."

One of the funding problems, Lundquist said, is that the technology is changing so quickly that private venture capitalists are wary of funding a manufacturing plant that could be obsolete before it goes into production. Shortening time-frames is a key to being competitive, he added. And existing manufacturing companies also need access to the new technologies in order to stay up-to-date and competitive in the world market.

The U.K. website www.contractoruk.com says the British government is planning to make £1 billion of venture capital available to "help early-stage technies who have fallen victim to both the borrowing crisis and the retreat of seed investors from the sector"

The British emergency fund will be targeted primarily at "innovative spin-off firms that set up on the back of university-funded research into high-value ideas" in the fields of nanotech, biotech, sustainability and information technology.

Information on Russia's high-technology push can be found at en.rusnano.com

— Ted Taylor

KULONGOSKI WEIGHS IN ON LOGGING

Conservationists and the timber industry have been waiting anxiously for Gov. Ted Kulongoski to reach a conclusion on the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR). Kulongoski weighed in on the second to last day before the end of his 60-day review period.

The governor announced Dec. 8 that the WOPR is "incomplete." He asked the BLM to address his concerns about the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and then open the plan up yet again for another public comment period. This could push the final WOPR decision back far enough that it will be made under President-elect Obama, not under the Bush administration.

Kulongoski said the BLM's plan to defer consultation with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service until after logging plans have been made is "the wrong approach." To put off consulting on the ESA is "legally inconsistent with the requirements" and "sets a bad precedent," according to the governor's press release.

The governor also asked the BLM to recognize the potential designation of approximately 98 miles of the Rogue River and 60,000 acres of associated lands for federal Wild and Scenic River status within the WOPR plan. Eugene-based Cascadia Wildlands Project has been working with other groups to preserve the Rogue River from logging that could potentially hurt salmon fishing and whitewater rafting.

Josh Laughlin of the CWP says that the governor's response to the WOPR "should have been a 'no-brainer.' He says "the BLM's logging plan violates many of the principles the state laid out early in the planning process including clean water, carbon storage and endangered species habitat."

The CWP and other groups like Cascadia Rising Tide that have worked to stop the WOPR and encouraged Kulongoski to defend Oregon's forests from the logging plan are now feeling a little more optimistic. Laughlin says, "The table is now set for us to drive nails into the WOPR's coffin and put it to bed for good."

— Camilla Mortensen















PEWS Briefs

OLD WALNUT THREATENED

A black walnut tree towers over the corner of 6th and Madison, but it may not be there much longer. The city says it's a hazard and plans to cut it down after Dec. 15. But at least one local arborist says cutting the tree down is "a huge mistake."

Doug Hornaday, founder and owner of Artistic Arborist, says that the tree has been there for 100 years and that "it's in great shape." He calls it a heritage tree.

Many of Eugene's tree lovers say that too much of Eugene's urban forest is cut too often, but others say the dangers posed by falling limbs and trees outweigh the benefits of the trees when they become hazardous.

The tree in question is 60 feet tall with a 65-inch diameter trunk. Its limbs stretch out over Gray's Garden Center, and it drops its walnuts (and sometimes a branch) in the parking lot, sidewalk and street around it.

According to an evaluation done by the Eugene's urban foresters, the walnut tree needs to come down due to "large branch failures," displacement of the sidewalk by the tree's roots, root rot, crown rot and cankers. The evaluation also says the falling branches may have been exacerbated by a heavy walnut crop this year. The branches may have been weaker too, due to an irrigation leak near the tree that saturated the soil. The report says it isn't known when the tree was planted and that "calculations using the Heritage Tree formula determined that this tree is not a Heritage Tree." When it is cut, the tree will be replaced by "a species suitable for the site and based on availability."

Hornaday would rather see the majestic



old tree stay where it is. He says he has checked out the tree and that it "could be maintained." Cutting down the tree because the walnuts are inconveniencing people would be "absolutely wrong," Hornaday says. He points out that if the walnuts are a problem, a sign could be put up to warn people not to park their cars where the walnuts could hit them.

For more information on the tree contact Eugene's urban forester at 682-4819 or Doug Hornaday at Artistic Arborist at 510-7293 — Camilla Mortensen

FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

The annual Letter Carriers Food Drive began last Saturday, and the second collection date is this Saturday, Dec. 13. In years past the carriers provided bags, but this year residents are asked to reuse their own plastic bags with handles. The decision keeps about 190,000 new plastic bags from going into the landfill.

The drive benefits FOOD for Lane County's local hunger relief efforts. Canned or packaged foods are requested, and for a list of most wanted foods, visit www.foodforlanecounty.org

Nearly 70,000 pounds of food have been

Another editorial flip-flop at the *R-G* Sunday, but this one makes sense. Last month the R-G editorial board opposed quickly passing new rules to implement the police auditor charter amendment overwhelmingly passed by voters. But now the R-G is saying "Don't delay" and backing Councilor Bonny Bettman's call to nail down the rules in the next few weeks.

Bettman this week was turned down when she asked the council to hire an outside attorney to review this matter and provide a legal framework for the committee. Our own city attorney Glenn Klein has been dodging the issue and even refused to answer questions in a bizarre open council session last month.

What's not being discussed in this lengthy process is the cost to taxpayers of a dragged-out, four-month committee process. An attorney from Harrang Long will be on the committee, charging maybe \$250 an hour. The police chief's time is worth more than \$80 an hour, and the two police union reps will likely be on the clock, along with the auditor herself, and probably a city staffer to take notes. We figure it will cost at least \$600 an hour to debate some basic, common-sense rules that could be vetted in a couple of public hearings.

- · Notice the new writer on the editorial page of The Sunday Oregonian. For at least the last three Sundays, Jack Roberts has written the column succeeding long-time conservative Portland columnist David Reinhard, who recently retired. Maybe it's just provincialism, because Roberts is director of the Lane Metro Partnership in Eugene and a leading local Republican, but we think he writes better than Reinhard, and there's no way he can be as loftily conservative as Reinhard.
- Three little girls, age 9, and a mom went to a City Council meeting last week to beg the city of Eugene for safety. Sixteen months ago, Josefina Vaclav's brother, age 10, died crossing Bailey Hill Road, a broad and busy street the city built next to a park and school. The devastated parents and neighborhood begged for a crosswalk. The city said it wouldn't paint the lines without a \$1.6 million repaving project. The city used the tragedy to help pass a tax increase for street repairs but didn't paint the lines. So Josefina and her friends sold lemonade and cookies and gave the city, which has \$30 million squirreled away for new offices, \$160 towards a crosswalk. But the city says it will take at least two years before they provide a safe way to cross the street. A few concrete barriers, a blinking light and a bucket of paint could provide a temporary fix, but the city hasn't done it. Maybe it will take another dead child?

Meanwhile, developers and sprawl projects get speedy attention from city staff. Brian Obie will get same-day permit service for his new hotel downtown. City staff slam-dunked the basketball arena. The Register-Guard got smooth Chad Drive repayed and connected to the Gateway interchange for its business park. Kids and other less influential people risk their lives daily on Bailey Hill, South Willamette, West 11th, Franklin Boulevard and the countless other mean streets of Eugene. Imagine if the developers had to beg and

· Doctor, doctor, give me the news! Last week in this column we asked if any local health care providers allow email with patients. One medical transcriptionist-editor tell us he knows one doctor who "gets so many emails that he doesn't take any from patients because he is afraid that communication critical to patient safety will get lost in the shuffle." Another reader, a patient, tells us she emails her doctor on occasion and is not charged.

Searching around, we've found doctor's offices in other cities where the process is formal, structured and efficient. Patients go to a password-protected website where they fill out a form and post questions. A clerk checks the site several times a day, prints out messages and attaches them to patient files. Doctors then dictate a response. Tidy, efficient and well-documented. Some doctors charge extra for the service; others see it as simply part of their patient care protocols to optimize care.

The typical business model for medical offices is to cram in as many patients per day as possible, but with today's soaring costs of medical care, providing email access to patients is a logical step toward cost-efficiency and improved patient care.

• Want to have a voice in the **Obama transition to power?** You don't have to be a Democratic Party leader, elected mucky-muck or big donor to weigh in on potentially one of the biggest political transformations in generations. The Obama transition team has set up a website where anybody can contact the team and leave comments on a variety of topics, from the transition process to cabinet picks to jobs with the new administration. Check out change.gov/ page/s/contact (or just get there from change.gov).

SLANT includes short opinion pieces, observations and rumor-chasing notes compiled by the EW staff. Heard any good rumors lately? Contact Ted Taylor at 484-0519, editor@eugeneweekly.com





Proposed School Boundary Changes

Public Meeting Schedule

Mon., Dec. 8, 5:30 pm ATA at Jefferson, 1650 West 22nd Ave., in the Library.

Tues., Dec. 9, 5:30 pm Churchill High School, 1850 Bailey Hill Road, in the Library.

Wed., Dec. 10, 5:30 pm South Eugene High School, 400 East 19th Ave, in the Library.

Thurs., Dec. 11, 5:30 pm North Eugene High School, 200 Silver Lane, in the Library.

Tues., Dec. 16, 5:30 pm Kelly Middle School, 850 Howard Ave., in the Library.

Thurs., Dec. 18, 5:30 pm Roosevelt Middle School. 680 East 24th St., in the Library.

Traducción simultanea en Español será disponible en todas las juntas.

For more information, call the 41 Communications Office at 687-3309 or visit www.4j.lane.edu

The Eugene School District is considering some changes to school boundaries. Your comments and suggestions are invited.

Boundary Proposal #1

Laurel Hill Valley Change elementary school from Harris to Edison.

Boundary Proposal #2

Vicinity East of Morse Ranch to Hilyard Change elementary school from Adams to Parker.

Boundary Proposal #3 Hawkins/Blacktail Drive Vicinity Change elementary school from César Chávez to

Crest Drive

Boundary Proposal #4 East Skinner Butte Historic District Area

Change elementary school from River Road to Edison; middle school from Kelly to Roosevelt; high school from North Eugene to South Eugene.

Boundary Proposal #5 West Downtown Area

Change elementary school from River Road to Adams: middle school from Kelly to Roosevelt; high school from North Eugene to South Eugene.

Boundary Proposal #6 West College Hill Area

Change middle school from Arts & Technology Academy to Roosevelt; high school from Churchill to South Eugene.



Eugene School District 4J

An online survey is available at www.4j.lane.edu



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collected so far, according to the agency, but the total is about 5,000 pounds less than last year's first week.

'These are challenging economic times for all of Lane County," says Denise Briewisch, FLC's executive director, "but they are especially difficult for families with limited financial resources.'

ACTIVIST ALERT

- · Helios Resource Network is having its annual holiday party from 5 to 9 pm Friday, Dec. 12, at the Knights of Pythias lodge, 420 W. 12th Ave., across the street from the Helios office. The gathering replaces the usual Green Drinks event Friday. See www.heliosnetwork.org for more info.
- · Lane County has scheduled a series of public budget hearings and work sessions to prioritize how federal Secure Rural Schools funding will be allocated. The third in the series will be at 5:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Harris Hall, 125 E. 8th Ave.
- · Copwatch Know Your Rights video free showing, featuring CLDC attorney Lauren Regan, at 6 pm Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Grower's Market, 454 Willamette St.
- The deadline is Dec. 19 for applying for an appointment to the Vegetative Management Advisory Committee (VMAC). This panel advises county commissioners on county roadside matters including alternatives to herbicides and emerging research information. Application forms can be printed from the Lane County website or visit the county building at 8th

ON THE WEB THIS WEEK

• Eugene pundit Fred Storm writes a Viewpoint about his college days with

Since the U.S. invasion of Iraq began on March 20, 2003

(last week's numbers in parentheses):

- **4,209 U.S.** troops killed* (4,204)
- **30,852 U.S.** troops injured* (30,832)
- 167 U.S. military suicides* (167)
- 314 coalition troops killed** (314)
- 1,123 U.S. contractors killed (accurate updates NA)
- 97,828 to 1.1 million civilians killed*** (97.337)
 - \$577.8 billion cost of war (\$573.9 billion)
 - \$164.3 million cost to Eugene taxpavers (\$163.2 million)

* through Dec. 8, 2008; source; icasualties.org; * Inrough Dec. 8, 2005; source: (assualties.org; some figures only updated monthly *** sources: icasualties.org, defenselink.mil *** highest estimate; source: iraqbodycount.org; based on nfirmed media reports; other groups calculate civilian deaths as high as 655,000 (Lancet survey, 2006) to 11 million (Opinion Research Business survey, 2008)

roommate Rod Blagojevich (yeah, the scandalous Illinois governor), and the bizarre times we live in now.

• At blogs.eugeneweekly.com: Ted offers his tips on finding local jobs, starting a small business and otherwise surviving the long recession. Chuck blogs about a UO art student's series of "I Saw You" animations and launches a weekly series highlighting cool and bizarre dance videos. Camilla blogs the award given to the Operation Backfire investigators and prosecutors. Molly notes the Wall Street Journal's mention of Best Bartender Jeffrey Morgenthaler.

CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

In our News Brief item last week (12/4) on "Committee Forming on New Rules for Auditor," committee member Joe Alsup's name was misspelled.

BY PAUL NEEVEL

HUNTER SPENCE, ALLY PAWOL & ETHEN PERKINS

At 8:30 am on a recent Wednesday, Adams Elementary fourth-graders and trained peer mediators Hunter Spence and Ally Pawol got air time on the school intercom to offer fellow students a few



tips on conflict resolution. They were coached by Ethen Perkins, an Adams parent who organized the district's first parent-coordinated peer-mediation program in the fall of 2007. "It saves time for teachers," he notes. "We get help from counselors and interns." Raised on a homestead farm in South Dakota, Perkins went on to a Ph.D. in botany, college teaching in Texas and Colorado, and five years as director of the Malheur Field Station in Eastern Oregon. He is currently a freelance environmental consultant. "My proudest achievement is restoring the endangered Willamette Valley daisy on the Hynix property wetlands next to Willow Creek," he says. For nearly 20 years, Perkins has been a facilitator with the Alternatives to Violence Project, giving workshops in the community and inside prisons. He also volunteers for one-on-one visits with kids detained in the county youth facility. "We have a lot of fun," he says. "My ultimate goal is to give kids the problem-solving skills to see options in conflict situations.

Is Oversight Over?

Council balks at voters' will on police review

Eugene City Council continues to balk at implementing independent external review of police, despite three years of waiting and two ballot votes in support, most recently by a 2-1 margin.

On Dec. 8 the council voted 6-2 against hiring an independent attorney to advise on how to implement the independent auditor charter amendment passed by 65 percent of voters last month.

On Nov. 17, the same six councilors Mike Clark, Jennifer Solomon, George Poling, Chris Pryor, Andrea Ortiz and Alan Zelenka — voted against quickly changing the code to implement the charter measure. Councilors Bonny Bettman and Betty Taylor voted for the police oversight rules

The votes leave the future of the independent police auditor and civilian review board in question. The key architect of the popular police reform in the wake of police sex abuse scandals, Councilor Bettman, is finishing her last term this

Bettman has led the fight on the council to implement independent police oversight, confronting three years of resistance from the police union, the city manager, police chief, district attorney and council conservatives.

The council majority voted last month to set up a 15-member committee to study independent police review and bring back recommendations to the council in four months

Unlike the original committee that proposed the independent oversight system passed by voters three years ago after a year of study, this new committee will include many of the strongest opponents of independent police review.

Eugene Police Union President Willy Edewaard and police union Vice President Erik Humphrey will serve as voting

members. Edewaard and Humphrey attacked the council in a Register-Guard op-ed this year, calling council members an "infested bunch" guilty of "either bias or corruption" for a "tainted, manipulative" decision to support the police auditor.

In earlier op-eds the police union leaders dismissed the tens of thousands who voted for the auditor, saying their "constituency" was the police.

It's unclear whether the 15-member committee has a majority in favor of a strong, independent police oversight system. The committee also includes the police chief and two councilors and two police commission members who opposed quick implementation of the charter

The council did not provide a clear charge to the committee, limiting it to implementing or strengthening independent review.

After the council vote this week, the sole legal advice the committee will get for keeping the police auditor independent will come from a city attorney who's not

Bettman pointed out that the city attorney regularly does legal work for the police and regularly represents the department against complainants in lawsuits. "They have untold conflicting interests."

Bettman also noted that the city attorney is not independent but works for the city manager. "The city manager writes the contract and signs the checks for the city attorney," Bettman said.

Two years ago, the city attorney and City Manager Dennis Taylor, an opponent of independent oversight, clashed with the council over control over the auditor's staff. The council relied on an outside legal opinion to overrule the manager and his attorney and keep the auditor independent.

New City Manager Jon Ruiz



"A contract with the city manager shouldn't prohibit us from doing something that we think is in the best interests of the city" - Alan Zelenka

clashed with Bettman over her effort to get independent legal advice for the independent auditor

Ruiz said the council hiring an independent attorney may violate the city charter and a contract a previous city manager signed with the city attorney law firm Harrang Long Gary Rudnick to give that firm "sole legal authority" over most of the city's legal advice.

Bettman said Ruiz's charter and contract legal concerns in opposing her motion to hire an independent attorney were unsupported by a legal opinion. "It puts a cloud over the viability of the motion without substantiation, and that's just a tactic and it's unforgivable," she

"I know in the past, managers have used contracts when they wanted to get something done," Bettman said. But the councilor said the city charter does not allow the unelected city manager to use a contract he writes with a private party to dictate public policy.

Councilor Zelenka voted against Bettman's motion. But he said, "I'm troubled by the city manager's comments" incorrectly claiming that the charter allowed the unelected manager to trump

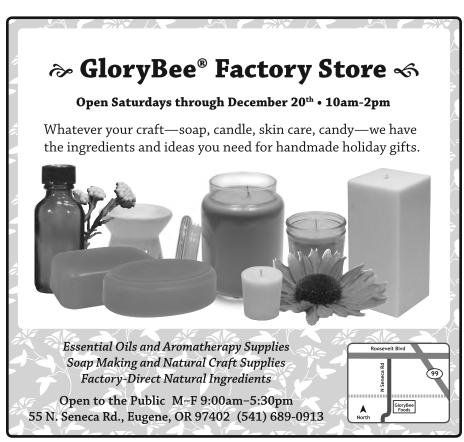
the council with his private contract. "A contract with the city manager shouldn't prohibit us from doing something that we think is in the best interests of the city," Zelenka said.

Ruiz disputed whether his attorney had a conflict of interest as prohibited by Oregon law. "My understanding is that kind of conflict is a much narrower

Bettman said that Ruiz should not be relying on the city attorney law firm to interpret its own contract with the city and decide whether or not it has a conflict of interest. "That is a blatant conflict of

Ruiz argued that the council should wait to get an opinion from his city attorney on the independent auditor issues before considering hiring an independent attorney for advice. "We should at least get the opinion from our own attorney before wanting to get a second opinion."

Bettman said the manager's attorney has had "plenty of time" to give advice but has failed to do so. At the council meeting three weeks ago the manager's attorney "refused to answer questions" on the issue, she said. "Their performance on Nov. 17th was pretty scary," she said. **CW**







We steal our reading moments where we can find them: waiting for an oil change, standing in line for lunch, walking to work (it being too dark to read on the walk home these days). We ignore our partners and stay up too late, gripping spines until the last page. And we still wind up with considerable lists of books that got away — those too daunting to start at the last minute (Roberto Bolaño's 2666); those we didn't get our hands on in time (Mark Harris' Pictures at a Revolution); those we simply didn't get to (Ethan Canin's America, America). This week arrives, and we're still reading, devouring last tomes, making arguments for more, more, more.

What we squeeze into Winter Reading each year is not a best-of list, exactly, though we do strive to include those books we want to recommend to friends, parents, anyone with a pair of eyes. It's more of a case for reading, for sharing the wonders of a good story and for remembering that, as Laura Miller recently wrote on Salon.com, "books provide more hours of entertainment per dollar, more life-enhancing education and more grist for post-materialistic soul-searching than any other form of purchasable culture." Miller's point is vital not just locally, where fewer dollars may need to stretch for presents, and where independent booksellers always need more business, but in publishing houses across the country: Last week saw major layoffs, reorganizations and scary tumult in the struggling publishing industry. If you're a reader, you should be concerned. If you love a reader, we probably don't have to tell you that books make really good gifts. — Molly Templeton

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all books included in Winter Reading were published in 2008.

Winter Reading

FICTION

Long Labors, Both By Sea and Land

The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume II: Kingdom on the Waves by M.T. Anderson. Candlewick, \$22.99. A New YORK $\it Times$ Notable Children's Book of 2008.

he first half of this 900-page young adult work, I wrote two years ago, "trumps [Tobin Anderson's] other novels in complexity, character development and the moral rigor required of those reading the book." Octavian's character, readers of Volume I: The Pox Party will know, undergoes severe stress. Pampered and coddled but also made to perform like a net Octavian figured

out in the first volume that in the end, his masters regarded him as nothing more than any other slave. His escape at the end of *Pox* Party sets up this book, which moves from a scene that closely parallels the beginning of The Aeneid (a point noticed by Octavian, of course, because of his classical education) through the Revolutionary War from the point of view of those who have little to win from either side.

White men's cries for liberty didn't include liberty for their slaves, and those slaves had to figure out how to make decisions that might help themselves. In Virginia, the British governor Lord Dunmore issued a proclamation that any slave of the rebels could become free by fighting for Dunmore Octavian sees that there's little for him in the town of his childhood and he, along with his mentor and instrument of his freedom, Dr. Trefusis, heads for Virginia.

Some find the language in the Octavian Nothing books challenging; some find it hard to read a tale that includes so much physical and emotional pain. Given that the true history of Lord Dunmore's Ethiopian Regiment could scarcely be more depressing, this second volume ends with much more hope than one might expect. And on the way, there's much history to learn, including stories of slaves from various parts of Africa. The first volume won the National Book Award; this one, perhaps because of some longeurs in the narrative of Octavian and his shipbound peers, was

unaccountably slighted. I hope it will show up in the American Library Printz Association's Awards come January. but no matter, this one's a remarkable book that The New York Times' reviewer compared to Poe, Melville, Twain, Hawthorne and Calvino. Then there's Virgil. How much does Octavian resemble Aeneas? Readers may hope that Octavian's

brains and newfound brawn serve to found some new, truly enlightened, free city-state. But as Octavian discovers, reason doesn't reveal everything. — Suzi Steffen

As We Lay, Dying

The Gathering by Anne Enright. Black Cat/ Grove/Atlantic, 2007. \$14. WINNER, 2007 MAN BOOKER PRIZE. A New YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2007.

• he suicide of a favorite brother, Liam, brings together the Hegarty clan, a dispersed family of 12 Irish Catholic siblings, their sometimes harsh but mannerly father

> long dead. Liam's dearest sister. Veronica, must inform their family of his death and retrieve his body. Veronica is devastated, but their "vague" mother barely notices. Though she cries, she would cry the same "no matter what son he was" because "she has plenty more" and can barely remember their names anyway.

> At his wake, the siblings bicker and drink a bit much

revisiting the shared turbulence of growing up. Veronica's unfettered grief leads her to run away from her marriage and avoid her daughters, working late or taking long night drives

She acknowledges that Liam was an alcoholic, "a terrible messer," though she isn't quite sure how drinking became his biggest problem. They shared the same upbringing, yet some "distant gear" moved her towards middle-class comfort while leading him to fill his pockets with rocks and walk into the ocean off of Brighton. In trying to comprehend what brought Liam to the water's edge, Veronica allows snatches of their childhood experiences to enter her consciousness. Shadowy moments in their grandmother's house when Veronica and Liam were 8 and 9 are revealed as a possible source of Liam's pain. We can't be certain what happened or what burdens Liam bore after that summer, but Veronica's devotion to him is transformative for her and the reader. who must face Liam's possible traumas as unflinchingly as Veronica does when the final picture emerges. — Vanessa Salvia



eil Gaiman's latest novel — in theory for young readers, though it should be picked up by just about everyone has such a timeless feeling, it seems as if

it ought to begin "Once upon a time ... " But at the same time, it's entirely modern: Cars rush by in the small town outside the gravevard in which the boy Bod (short for Nobody) is raised, and a young girl from the outside world longs for a cell phone. This criss-crossing of time and tone is to be expected from Gaiman (American Gods, Neverwhere), and in fact is what he excels at: his best stories are entirely new

and entirely familiar at the same time, like tales you've always known but only remember as you read each word and turn each page.



TheGravevard Book, Gaiman creates a suspenseful, sweet, original story about an orphaned boy raised by ghosts, vampires, werewolves, long-dead witches and ancient Romans. Carefully, beautifully, the book grows with the boy; its vocabulary stretches and snaps, the scary bits get scarier and darker, the outside world looms ever

closer and "the man Jack," who murders Bod's family in the very first pages, creeps closer to the child he never stops hunting. In Gaiman's hands, there's nothing very odd about growing up in a graveyard — or anywhere else different, for that matter. If you've never read Gaiman, you're missing out, and there's no reason not to start here; if you know Gaiman fans who looks skeptically at his children's books urge them to reconsider immediately. The Graveyard Book, like its author, is one to treasure.

- Molly Templeton

Forecast: Cloudy

Atmospheric Disturbances by Rivka Galchen. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$23. A SALON BEST BOOK OF 2008.

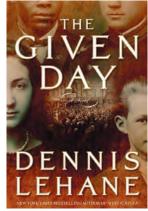
ast December a woman entered my apartment who looked exactly like my wife." So says Leo Liebenstein, a New York City psychiatrist whose younger, Argentine wife, Rema, he is quick to note, does not like dogs. The woman is carrying a dog. As his story continues, Leo's list of terms

for the woman he does not believe is Rema include "the dog lover," "the simulacrum" and "the doppelganger." He's convinced the real Rema, like his patient Harvey, is missing. It's possible the Royal Academy of Meteorology, which sends Harvey coded messages about weather control via The New York Post, has something to do with it; it's possible a meteorologist named Tzvi Gal-Chen is

connected. And it's possible Leo is simply mistaken, his perception warped, shifted or locked down at a moment in the past. In her first novel, Rivka Galchen carefully never spells anything out. She leaves clues in Leo's reading material, in his choice of words, in the things that attract his attention about Rema or Harvey or a beautiful waitress in a coffee shop. Leo is a hard character to connect with, but his story is strangely affecting all the same, mostly for the inventive way it considers the twin questions of whether we ever really know other people - and how we can possibly keep up with knowing them as they, and we, constantly change. — Molly Templeton

Whetting Your Appetite The Given Day by Dennis Lehane. William

ehane scored big with Mystic River; with this novel, he takes his place among the craftiest practitioners of mystery's dark art.



Time: 1918, pivotal year in American and world history: WWI ending and soldiers returning, bringing deep wounds and disease; Russian Revolution fresh, spreading dreams of workers' rights and anarchist bombings; women struggling for suffrage against bitter resistance; Prohibition looming, the amendment that will plunge America into a decade of

corruption and criminality; lynchings and race riots leaving black people terrified and their homes in ashes; labor unrest resulting in hundreds of strikes and crushing repression. "What a time to be alive."

Place: Boston, "Athens of America." thriving with industrial growth and technical innovations, riven with poverty and child labor, harshly divided by race, gender, religion, class and ethnicity, a bubbling stew of unmet needs and unvented emotions, rapidly coming to a boil.

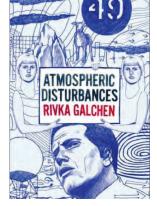
Down these mean streets walk two sharply etched, deeply sympathetic characters, both honest and daring, strong but tender. Aiden "Danny" Coughlin is an Irish beat cop who finds himself in the vanguard of the movement to unionize the BPD caught between irresistible forces that would crush him or kill him if necessary. Luther Laurence is black (actually "sandpaper-brown"), smart, athletic and on the run from Tulsa gangsters. Contacts with members of the nascent NAACP put Luther on the bull's-eye of risks and hatred.

A third character weaves an oddly

colorful thread through the narrative: Babe Ruth 23 baseball's "Sultan of Swat," seems an icon of America's hope, a good man, talented, deeply flawed but essentially decent, obsessed with his game, blithely confident that "it'll all work out."

This is a terrific novel, but it's not satisfying. Instead, it leaves readers hungry for more — about these characters and America's

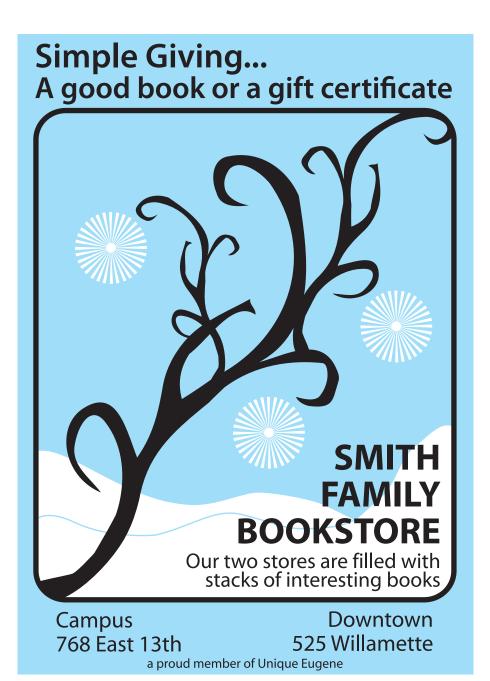
history — as it should. — Lance Sparks



Lacking a Pride

A Lion Among Men by Gregory Maguire.

or his third book set in a reimagined, politicized Oz, Gregory Maguire turns his attention to a character who was just a tiny, frightened cub in Wicked: Brrr, the Lion (capital letters denoting a human-like consciousness) whom Elphaba, the Witch, defended fiercely in a college class. Brrr, like his L. Frank Baum-created counterpart, is indeed cowardly, but not in the usual sense. Here, he's socially inept, lacking empathy, unable to understand how to connect with others after his solitary childhood in the forests of Oz. But how he is linked to Elphaba, even after all these years, and how he comes to connect, in his way, to other characters from Maguire's dark, irresistible Oz, turn Lion into a necessary read for fans. - Molly Templeton





Morally Adrift

The End of Manners by Francesca Marciano, Pantheon, \$23.95.

s a Western journalist, I have to decide each day which portion of these people's suffering is going to be my theme of the day and which is the portion I'm going to have to ignore so it doesn't get in the way," a man in The End of Manners

says to the main character, Maria Galante. Maria's a photographer hired to accompany a feature writer into the world of Afghani women whose despair and anguish most people can't see behind their veils. But should she take photos of women whose lives will be in danger, almost certainly forfeit, should she publish

feature writer, the magnetic and mercurial British Imo Glass, worries about. The writer has compassion, but she wants to get in, get the story and get out safely. Meanwhile, Maria, an Italian woman who made her name with a photo of a young Thai prostitute playing with a Barbie doll, questions her motives and her sanity. Shooting women and shooting women —

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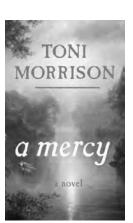
an obvious parallel, and not a new conundrum for Western iournalists who know they're more likely to win awards with stories from war zones. But Marciano explores the problem through compelling characters both Western and Afghani, especially Hanif, the driver and fixer for Maria and Imo. At the close of the novel. Maria might have to make a choice that will

determine whether the story of the women gets told at all. But the choice might be a false one; Marciano leaves readers with plenty of questions about privilege, paralysis, pity and possibility. — Suzi Steffen

Once More Into The Great Maw A Mercy by Toni Morrison.

Knopf, \$23.95 A New York Times Best Book of

the land was ours before
the land's," read Robert Frost at ■ he land was ours before we were John F. Kennedy's inauguration. Oh ... er ... not quite. Native Americans, Africans, white indentured servants — the great maw of colonialism swallowed everyone in the European search for Eden That's bluntly illustrated in Morrison's slim new



The novel could almost be a fable but for the individuality of her characters: Florens the slave girl who longs to understand how her mother could have given her up to the trader Jacob Vaark; Sorrow, a woman of indeterminate origin who serves erractically on Vaark's estate; Lina, whose people were mostly wiped out by sickness and by settlers torching the remains of the

village; two white male indentured servants who have found some sort of life with each other. Then there's Rebekka, Jacob's wife, who turns harsh and hostile after a bout with smallpox, and of course Jacob himself, who begins as a rather surprisingly gentle man, an orphan who had some luck in his fortune and in his wife. He's the one who takes Florens in exchange for a debt, but he



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Jacob makes one very bad decision, born out of lust for a larger, better house, to invest in the sugar trade of Barbados.

The gates of paradise — literally, the gates to Jacob's new house, which he never gets to inhabit even for a second - are wrought by the one free laborer in the book, a black man and blacksmith who attracts young Florens with his beautiful body and his freedom. He tells her to own herself, but she doesn't understand much about how she

got where she is or what she needs Nor do the other characters, all of them trying to survive and carve out a life in an unimaginably hard time, made harder by the relentless lack of freedom and the crushing desire to dominate the land and other humans. A barebones description of the book makes it sound like a morality play, but as usual with Morrison, her thick writing saves everything even while she shows that the City on the Hill has always been built over the desires, soft flesh and bones of those sacrificed in pursuit of Paradise. — Suzi Steffen

One, Two, Many New Yorks Netherland by Joseph O'Neill. Pantheon, \$23.95. A New York TIMES BEST BOOK OF 2008. A SALON BEST BOOK OF 2008.

erhaps both Molly and I are missing something, for we both consider this book one of the more overrated of the year. That's not to say that the story of a Dutch man's broken marriage and friendship with Chuck Ramkissoon, a Trinidadian mobster and entrepreneur, doesn't have value as a beautifully written story about immigration and 9/11. But sometimes the entire thing's rather obvious. Yes, all right, everyone in the other former British colonies plays cricket, and most people in the U.S. don't, so it can stand as a metaphor for New! Immigrants! Coming! Here! The book's not loud in the way of that last sentence, however — if there's an exclamation point. it won't be from the voice of narrator Hans van den Broek, whose quiet despair has such little affect that he ends up a rather blank

Also: Yes, guess what, the narrator's marriage is like New York. The city is wounded during 9/11, and so is his marriage. The city heals with its multicultural, immigrantwelcoming, continual reinvention ... and so does the narrator once an eclectic group of hotel residents and, of course, the very necessary person-of-color friend come along to help him. D'oh!

But Netherland contains passages of lovely writing,

especially about cricket (which most Americans still won't understand, no matter how many times we read this novel) and about Ramkissoon. Plus, just about every end-of-year top-10 list contains Netherland, so perhaps we're just picky. Check it out for yourself and see if, like Queens, Eugene needs a cricket pitch. — Suzi Steffen

Posthumous Recollections Wild Nights: Stories About the Last Days of Poe, Dickinson, Twain, James, and Hemingway by Joyce Carol Oates. Ecco, \$24.95

rom the über-prolific Joyce Carol Oates comes a collection of stories that imagine the last hurrah of venerated American novelists and poets. But the centerpiece of Wild Nights is "EDickinsonRepliLuxe," a George

> Saunders-esque tale set in the near future in which a husband and wife purchase a robotic replica of Emily Dickinson and, like the poet's critics, tear her fragile, stubborn world to shreds, and vice versa. While at the robot replica store: "The husband said irritably, 'What about Sylvia Plath? She killed herself.' The wife said, 'Oh but with us, in our

household, I'm sure Sylvia would not. We would be a new, wholesome influence." You get the picture.— Chuck Adams

Dysfunction in Denmark

To Siberia by Per Petterson, translated by Anne Born, Graywolf Press, \$22.

n recent years the often dark, sometimes merely melancholy novels of the cold Nordic climes have been making their way onto American must-read lists. In 2007 Out Stealing Horses by Norwegian author Per Petterson was named one of the 10 best books of the year by The New York Times. This year, readers who loved the loneliness of Horses can read one of Petterson's early works, his 1996 To Siberia (Til Sibir), which was translated for a British audience 10 years ago but only now made available in the U.S.

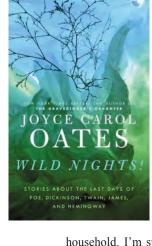
To Siberia is narrated by a nameless Danish woman looking back on the history of her dysfunctional family on the shores of northern Jutland during the outbreak of the Nazi occupation of Denmark. Distant from her parents, she and her beloved brother

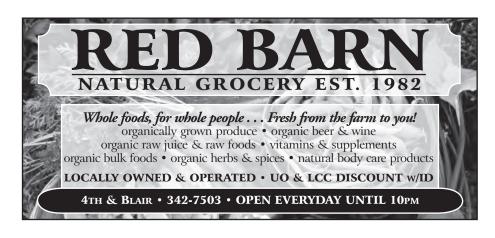
> Jesper dream of faraway places. He sets his sights on Morocco while she imagines herself in Siberia: "I wanted skies that were cold and clear, where it was easy to breathe and easy to see for long distances."

> Torn apart when Jesper must flee to Sweden after the Nazis discover he was working with the Danish Resistance, the siblings

never reunite, nor does To Siberia ever really find its footing again. Unfortunately the storytelling of the last third of the book mirrors the narrator's listless adulthood, but because the first two thirds are filled with that spare prose that made Out Stealing Horses so mesmerizing, To Siberia is worth the read. — Camilla Mortensen

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GRAPHIC NOVELS

Embers Among the Coals

2008's fieriest graphic novels by AARON RAGAN-FORE

ur nation's economic downturn may well splash cold water on some of the smaller publishers of sequential visual narrative. But before the blaze goes out, let's gather 'round the hearth of the comics industry and bask in the toasty glow of the wealth of choice in this year's red-hot graphic novels.

Even as beloved series Y: The Last Man shutters its doors and Fables settles into a deserved middle age, with The Vinyl Underground Volume 1: Watching the Detectives (Vertigo, \$9.99), DC's "mature readers" imprint proves it's still relevant. A quartet of twentysomething, C-list British celebs leads a secret life as an occult detective

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nightclubbing and tabloid exploits a cover for the defense of London from supernatural forces. Combine one part 90210 and two parts Buffy, add a splash of Scooby-Doo, and stir.

Speaking of the occult, they say that playing a single song at a crossroads at midnight will make you a guitar genius ... and all it costs is your soul. Fans of manga and blues alike will respond to **Me and the Devil Blues: The Unreal Life of Robert Johnson** (Del Rey, \$19.95), Akira Hiraomoto's magic realism account of the early years of the titular bluesman.

I didn't expect too much of a graphic novel based on a videogame, honestly. But then, isn't it that sort of attitude that maligns comics in the first place? At any rate, **Prince of Persia** (First Second, \$16.95) turns out to be a dense, multi-layered medieval epic of the divergent paths of three siblings, involving memory, destiny and the repercussions of our actions through history.

The echoes of history also resound in Jason Lutes' **Berlin, Volume 2: City of Smoke** (Drawn & Quarterly, \$19.95). It's taken eight years for Lutes' follow up to Volume 1, but the realistic scene work and meticulous pencil work in this pre-WWII character-driven epic demonstrate why. The rise of the Nazis in 1920s Germany may sound like grim fare for a comic book, but Lutes' focus on human lives, such as those of an art student and a jazz musician, make the historical tale not only palatable but engaging.

In marked contrast, Eddie Campbell's whimsical, grownup Victorian romp, **The Amazing, Remarkable Monsieur Leotard** (First Second, \$16.95), re-jiggers history a bit as an acrobat and his traveling freak show performers compete with rival circuses, stage a prison break for a dwarf and rescue passengers of the *Titanic*.

In **What It Is** (Drawn & Quarterly, \$24.95), cartoonist Lynda Barry provides an earnest, dreamlike meditation on her own girlhood, the artist's process of creation and the attendant failures of each. The narrative is maintained through a series of visually stunning, symbolic collages composed of grade school assignments, postage stamps and picture book illustrations. If the project sounds disjointed, it is. Just like childhood. Just like art.



The trailer for the film version of the 1980s superhero reinvention *Watchmen* is already driving sales of its source graphic novel, and fans clamoring for more self-referential superheroes can look to *The Umbrella Academy: Apocalypse Suite* (Dark Horse, \$17.95), written by Gerard Way, lead vocalist of the band My Chemical Romance. Way's sly interpretation of the action genre features a septet of superpowered siblings reuniting at the death of their space alien foster father, but the real focus of the book runs deeper, incorporating elements of family dynamics, adoption and parenting, and an elastic storyline in which time travel, for example, serves as a metaphor for alienation. Plus, a talking chimp wears a levitator belt.

Superhero pastiche is nothing new, of course. This year saw the publication of **Herbie Archives, Volume 1** (Dark Horse, \$49.95), reprints of a weird 1950s parody comic long of interest to comics scholars, in which rotund, unflappable teen Herbie Popnecker defeats enemies such as Mao and Castro with the aid of lollipopfueled superpowers. (I told you it was weird.) The historical references will be lost on 21st century kids, and some of the racial stereotypes make it inappropriate for them, anyway. But discerning grownup fans seeking a little holiday levity could do worse.

Winter Reading

GOLDENGROVE

FRANCINE PROSE

Embroidered History

The Seamstress by Frances de Pontes Peebles. Harper, \$25.95.

on't be fooled by the seemingly simple narrative conventions of *The Seamstress*, a hefty book which tells the tale of two sisters in the north of Brasil of the 1920s and 1930s. Yes, it's the kind of

straightforward story that walks the line between genre historical romance and literary historical fiction. What tips the scale is not the writing (it's fine, workable) but the philosophical concerns that de Pontes Peebles stitches in — the ways sewing becomes more than an occupation. It's a metaphor, of course, and a useful philosophical touchstone for the roil of modernity versus the

sometimes more useful, sometimes stupidly grinding ways of tradition.

Unless you studied Latin American history in more detail than several college classes can provide, you probably won't know the tales of Brasil's northern interior. where rebels/thieves/escapees from tradition, called *cangacieros*, made deals with a variety of wealthy landowners and enforced their own brand of justice. But you might know about eugenics and about what's likely to happen when a man of science thinks he can analyze personalities from head measurements, or you might know about the jolt of difference between rural expectations and society life in cities. In this tale of Emilia, who makes it to the city by marrying into a socially prominent family, and her sister Luzia, who ends up with the scrubland as her empire, both sisters discover life beyond the tiny town where they grow up. They can only communicate through coded photos and newspaper stories written by others, and their various hardships and proscribed actions make for compelling reading as well as a good launching point for learning more about the history of the sprawling, resourcerich land to our south. — Suzi Steffen

Drowning Strength

Goldengrove by Francine Prose. Harper, \$24.95.

rancine Prose's 15th novel has a premise that could so easily, in the

hands of someone less subtle, turn into a mawkish movie of the week: Thirteen-yearold Nico's gorgeous, talented older sister, Margaret, dives from the boat in which she and Nico are floating on Mirror Lake. She never resurfaces

But Prose isn't concerned with dramatics. As Goldengrove — which, like Margaret, takes its name from a Gerard Manley Hopkins poem — progresses, Nico's parents turn inwards, one to

a manuscript, the other to a handful of pills, and Nico is left to work through her grief and confusion almost alone. The one person who seems most likely to understand is her sister's boyfriend, Aaron, an artist whose gradual pushing shapes Nico into the image of her sister even as she's trying to figure out how her world will reshape itself around a Margaret-sized hole.

Goldengrove is reflective and heavy

but cool and still, the weight of memory hanging over a quiet house of mourners. Prose is aware of every unexpected roadblock that appears in the wake of grief, the way the page of a book or a faint whiff of vanilla lands like a boulder, blocking all progress on the path out of mourning. But though it's grief-stricken, lonely and Goldengrove haunting, isn't a slog; it isn't swamped with bleakness.

Instead, Prose finds — in old movies, art books, melodies and paintings; in solitude and strange companionship — the moments, no matter how tangled or awkward, that move Nico forward, out of her sister's complicated shadow, into her own life.

- Molly Templeton

Prodigal, Prodigious Pain

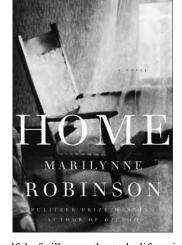
Home by Marilynne Robinson. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$25. A *New York Times* Notable Book of 2008. Finalist, 2008 National Book Award FOR Fiction.

ilead, Rbinson's previous work about the small town of Gilead, Iowa, addressed thorny questions of religion and race, among other things, such as Iowans' participation in the Civil War. Home, a parallel tale as slow as the most deliberate moments of Gilead, mixes the Biblical tale of the prodigal son with investigations into the nature of aging, friendship, secrets and love foolishly, helplessly spent. Robinson's books never hit on only two or three levels, however. The complex nature of her intellect emerges not in the direct narrative — the tale of siblings Glory and Jack Boughton returning to Gilead when their elderly, fragile pastor father and his best friend John Ames (the narrator of Gilead) are dying — but in her steely grappling with large historical questions and quiet internal revolutions.

Glory's grief about her much-loved and usually absent brother, the loss of a personal

dream and the death of her father overlay incandescent description of smalltown Iowa. Then there's bad boy alcoholic/ scoundrel Jack, who was redeemed, he explains, through the love of a woman named Della but who seems destined to descend again as his letters to Della return to Gilead unopened. Reading this book, one can't help but consider

the truly lifesaving revolutions of the mid-20th century: birth control, the Civil Rights



movement and, yes, Alcoholics Anonymous and addiction treatment programs, not to mention the power of personal therapy and communal action. A big reveal at the book's conclusion should surprise no one but the willfully blind Glory, but that's not the point: A Robinson novel, like a six-hour movie or, hey, years of gorgeous summer nights in Iowa, rewards persistence, thought and contemplation. — Suzi Steffen

What God and America Hath Wrought

The End by Salvatore Scibona. Graywolf Press, \$24. Finalist, 2008 National Book Award FOR FICTION.

writing in the New York Review of Books, Zadie Smith recently lamented the strength of 19th-century literary realism in novels of the more fragmented 21st century. She need read no farther than Scibona's challenging, brilliant work, a kaleidoscopic look at a bit of Italian immigrant life in Ohio that opens on Assumption Day, 1953. Various characters spiral out and around the day, and the first portion of the book,

written in extremely close third-person and occasional first-person narration from/about a baker, proves the most difficult. Get past the maddening sludgy, voice of Rocco, and the book opens up. Sort of. Kirkus Reviews called The End "a demanding but rewarding novel likely to appeal to a very small audience," a most accurate assessment

Scibona, whose talents were shaped at Iowa Writers' Workshop in the late 1990s and in years since at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, clearly spent years constructing this tough portrait of immigrants interacting with their new land and with an overarching loneliness. When the author occasionally writes in the voice of a smart American teenager and thus

reveals his natural clarity, readers will understand that he's explaining exactly what the book concerns: a spooling out of history, the tale of white resistance to African American rights, a move from the farm to the city and the old country to the new, the ways people avoid and move towards the E.M. Forster command to "only connect."

— Suzi Steffen

A Lady, First

THE END

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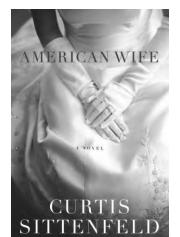
American Wife by Curtis Sittenfeld. Random House, \$26. A New York Times Notable Book OF 2008.

ould American Wife be as interesting a read if we didn't know that the protagonist was Laura Bush with the details considerably smudged? Curtis Sittenfeld's depiction of measured introvert Alice Lindgren might get a little boring after 550 pages were it not for the extraordinary

> circumstances in which she finds herself

> Throughout American Wife, Alice attempts to apply the lessons of her wholesome Wisconsin childhood to her relationships with everyone she meets, including her idiosyncratic suitor, Charlie Blackwell, and his gleefully wealthy and prestigious family. For this we mostly admire her, marveling that someone so staid and thoughtful could handle the curveballs that marriage to a

man like Charlie throws her. (Alcoholism, check. Cocaine use, check. Creepy political mastermind puppeteering from the wings, check.) But Alice's strength in the face of adversity and tragedy (a great deal of the book is devoted to the death of her teenage soulmate) begins to take on an almost defensive tone as she is thrust unwillingly into the spotlight. The more eyes rest upon



her the less responsibility she is willing to take for anything that goes on around her, stubbornly insisting that her disinterest in public life exempts her from facing the discord between her husband's beliefs and her own

Although narrates the story, Sittenfeld's hand is clearly and cleverly present as we watch the eventual first lady grow

from sad teenager to independent young woman to mature bride to mother and, finally, White House occupant, all the while protesting her fundamentally unaltered nature just a little too much.

— Adrienne van der Valk

Strange Kidnappings

The Good Thief by Hannah Tinti. Dial Press, \$25. A New York TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2008.

annah Tinti's first novel is an odd little piece, a strangely charming story

about a young onehanded boy who is whisked away from the orphanage in which he was raised. Benjamin Nabb, the fellow who comes to get the wary Ren, isn't the boy's brother, as he claims. but what he turns out to be — over the course of adventures involving the likes of a giant named Dolly, a chimney-climbing

dwarf and a corpse-buying doctor — is, like the book itself, something more than it seems at first glance. Tinti writes with clarity and empathy, winding even the book's oddest, darkest moments around Ren's need for family, be it biological or chosen.

— Molly Templeton

The Pursuit of Wackyness Crazv Love by Leslie What, Wordcraft of

Oregon, \$13.95.

n her second short story collection, Nebula Award-winning Leslie What conjures up a handful of unconventional tales of love, lust, devotion and attraction — but mostly love, in many guises. A woman waits to give birth to countless strange, tiny babies; a girl tends lovingly to a tumor that's all that's left of her dead mother: a man faces the thousand children he never expected to have; the ghosts of old lovers visit a woman in a world where love is a game you never really win. What has an unexpected perspective on the ways love, to borrow a phrase from Buffy the Vampire Slayer, makes you do the wacky; her characters suffer strange love-related symptoms, their feelings made flesh, their bodies poised on betrayal, their conditions physical manifestations of the good and terrible parts of loving someone else. Vivid, scary, sympathetic, Crazy Love is unsettling



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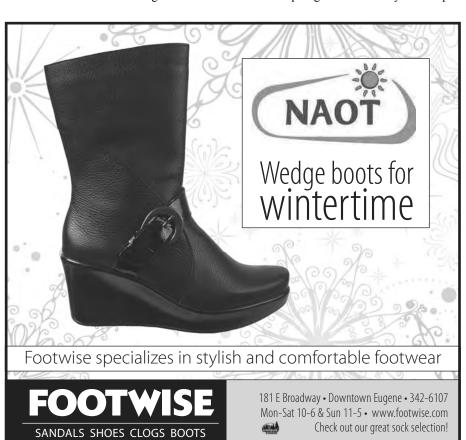
and unforgettable. — Molly Templeton

Okra, Bacon, Grits and Heartache

Dear Darkness by Kevin Young. Knopf, \$26.95

or whatever reason, death and dying seems to bring out the best in writers. Last year Mary Jo Bang wowed the poetry world with her steely Elegy, an entire book of poetry devoted to her dead son. This year we have Kevin Young, a professor of English and writing at Emory

University, writing a body of work indirectly addressing the shock of grief he experienced after the death of his father. Dear Darkness, Young's sixth book of poetry, is mostly composed of odes that are, on the surface, dedicated to grits, pork, New England, sweet potato pie and barbecue sauce, among





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others. But in the same breath and heartfelt yearning with which he praises the places and foods of his life, Young grapples with the bittersweet memories of his family, especially his father.

At times Young's poetry reads like what I'd expect to come from a poetry professor who publishes a nearly 200-page collection with Knopf. Young knows this. In "Flash Flood Blues" he writes "I got my master's / degree in slavery," though even this poem ends up, ultimately, about his father: "Death pretends / not to know me / Though the grapevine say / he's my daddy." But Young's strengths in Darkness are his mournful, deeply felt odes, where he commonly threads a line between a delicious dish and the sorrow in his heart. In his "Ode to Boudin," it is unclear if Young is addressing the sausage or his father: "You are the reason / I know that skin / is only that, holds / more than it meets." In the end, it doesn't matter: Life is still beautiful. — Chuck Adams

NONFICTION

Separate, But Equal *State By State: A Panoramic Portrait of America* edited by Matt Weiland and Sean Wilsey. Ecco, \$29.95.

State By State's tagline is "Take Pride in Your Country," and those words never felt more earnest than at the twilight of 2008, with a new, black president-elect and a renewed sense of global (and domestic) goodwill towards Americans, who often seem to come through in a pinch. The book also comes at a time of high unemployment and perplexingly low gas prices. State By State may be the inspiration for you to load up the Vanagon with a cooler of cold cuts and mosey along the (remaining) blue highways of the U.S.

The premise for *State By State* can't miss: Take 50 writers and have them check the pulse of 50 states for an updated take on the Federal Writers' Project's American Guide Series,

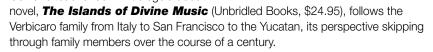
Selected New Books From Oregon Authors by Molly Templeton

In The Idiot Girl and the Flaming Tantrum of Death: Reflections on Revenge, Germophobia and Laser Hair Removal (Villard, \$20), self-deprecating humor essayist (and

self-deprecating humor essayist (and Eugenean) Laurie Notaro takes on just what her subtitle promises — as well as the quirks of house-selling and the irresistible urge to spy on one's neighbors while on vacation.

Springfield's Elizabeth Lyon, the author of an impressive list of writing guides, offers vital advice on style, character, structure and more in *Manuscript Makeover: Revision Techniques No Fiction Writer Can Afford to Ignore* (Perigree, \$14.95).

Corvallis teacher John Addiego's debut



With Barbara Scott, her neighbor on Portland's Sauvie Island, Eileen O'Keeffe McVicker recounts her childhood on a ranch in Oregon's desert in the coming-of-age memoir **Child of Steens Mountain** (OSU Press, \$16.95).

Portlander Willy Vlautin, who does double creative duty as the singer-songwriter of the band Richmond Fontaine, follows up his 2007 debut *The Motel Life* with **Northline** (Harper Perennial, \$14.95), the story of a young woman making a new life for herself in Reno. The book provides its own soundtrack: a CD of songs by Vlautin and his bandmate Paul Brainard.

Former *Oregonian* staff writer Nena Baker explores **The Body Toxic: How the Hazardous Chemistry of Everyday Things Threatens Our Health and Well-Being** (North Point Press, \$24), finding dangerous chemicals in ordinary things from water bottles to dental floss to microwave popcorn.



In the oversized, unusually designed Caught Falling: The Confluence of Contact Improvisation, Nancy Stark Smith, and Other Moving Ideas

(Contact Editions, \$33), David Koteen and Nancy Stark Smith offer interviews, photography, "talk bubbles," anecdotes and more in their exploration of the "art-sport" of contact improvisation.

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a New Deal program that sent unemployed writers across America to write travel guides. While *State By State* doesn't pretend to be a travel guide (other than offering census data on each state), it does color in the blanks of our imperfect union, and not always in red or blue Sharpies.

Some matchups are spot-on: Rick Moody on Connecticut, Barry Hannah on Mississippi, Carrie Brownstein on Washington, Alexander Payne on Nebraska, Jonathan Franzen on New York. Joe Sacco, the graphic novelist, writes about his connection to umbrellas and girlfriends for the chapter on Oregon. One of Sacco's recent girlfriends is a sommelier, and he accompanies her on trips to Willamette Valley vineyards for tastings. "At these moments, watching her isolate the attributes of the wine," Sacco writes, "I almost begin to understand how it all fits together - this climate, this soil, this person." Each writer may be writing about a place, but, tellingly, every story inevitably focuses on the people.

- Chuck Adams

We Know Not What We Do Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions by Dan Ariely. Harper, \$25.95. A New YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2008.

his full-length book reads like a thriller in some ways, a mystery that Detective Dan Ariely, our intrepid guide to human behavior, solves with aplomb. Those like Ariely, a behavioral economist, can watch with kindly benevolent amusement as humans young and old, smart and stupid, thoughtful and unthinking alike get drawn into patterns that, looked at with logical economic skill make no sense But humans aren't rational actors, Ariely argues with impeccably fascinating illustrative studies to back himself up. There's the famous Amazon Free Shipping example, which leads people to spend a lot more on books than they planned — that is to say, when something is free, you're likely to pay a lot more for it. There's the study about how reciting a number (say, the last two digits

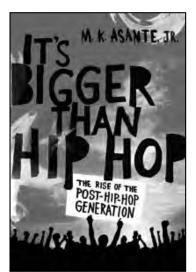
in your Social Security number) will influence how much money you're willing to spend. There's relativity and decoys: Things look good in comparison to other things close to them. Ariely advises single people, based on these studies, to take a friend with a similar but less attractive appearance to social gatherings in order to garner more interest.

The book's not only fascinating but makes for intersting thought experiments about personal

economics. Ariely points out that it's almost impossible for people to save unless we never see the money in the first place. A program that forces us to save five percent of our income would be good for almost everyone, but there's hardly a chance politicians could implement something like that without getting called "the nanny state" by people who have little desire to help us fight our own natures. Altering physician scale pay so family practitioners don't have to think they're taking a pay cut compared to their star classmates in surgery also starts to sound like a great public health idea that will never, ever occur. By the way, this book's funnier and cheaper than taking an economics class — not to say that it's cheap: at \$25.95, it's an investment we'd all be well-advised to make. — Suzi Steffen

Flashy Mannequins It's Bigger Than Hip Hop: The Rise of the Post-Hip-Hop Generation by M.K. Asante, Jr. St. Martin's Press, \$25.95.

since the advent of youth subcultures, corporations have been there to co-opt, exploit and profit from those innovations while omitting the near-universally anticorporate, anti-consumerist sociopolitical agendas that sparked those movements in the first place. Just look at what happened to punk rock. In *It's Bigger Than Hip Hop*,



M.K. Asante addresses the repercussions of hip hop's commodification (and the other cultural influences perpetuate it). Mostly, it's good stuff: an interview with seminal raptivist Dead Prez, a timeline of historical events that have influenced hip hop and a mention of the suspicious removal of "The Rape Over," a song with controversial lyrics, from Mos Def's

2004 album *The New Danger* by his record company, Rawkus (a Geffen subsidiary).

At its core, It's Bigger Than Hip Hop is less about hip hop and more about the causes of black America's sorry plight, with special emphasis on the consequences of hip hop's commodification by large corporations who've been marketing an identity to a new generation of youth - black, white and otherwise — who worship the golden calf of consumerism. Asante's thesis? Hip hop once served as the voice to a political movement, and it's high time we reclaimed that voice (and the movement) from the corporations who kept hip hop's style but removed its message, transforming a fleshand-blood movement into a decked-out mannequin without a soul. Unfortunately, Asante doesn't mask his radical politics, which, while they'll fire up the choir he's preaching to, may keep him from reaching anyone else. And that's a damn shame.

— Sara Brickner

This Pequeño Piggy Went to Market

Everything But the Squeal: Eating the Whole Hog in Northern Spain by John Barlow. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$25.

ohn Barlow, a British food and travel writer who lives in Spain, decides to sample as many pig parts as possible in a

single year. He does so under the disdainful eye of his vegetarian wife, dour rural restaurateurs and obliging traditional cooks in the muddy hills of Northern Spain.

This travelogue is the latest contribution to what Dwight Garner in a New York Times review calls "Pig Lit," a genre of culinary writing unafraid of the grisly bits, perhaps best exemplified by Fergus Henderson's cookbook The Whole Beast: Nose to Tail Eating. Barlow's journey is not merely one of blubbery snouts and bladder puddings, however; it meanders into Spanish politics and history. We learn of the deleterious effect of Franco's regime on Carnivale festivals and heritage hog breeds as Barlow explores the high and low of pig cuisine in northern Spain, where sous vide ribs meet boiled tails nestled in a stew of slimy greens and pink bits.

The writing sometimes gives way to — forgive me — ham-handed prose, repetitious descriptions of suspicious locals and the horror of Barlow's vegetarian wife. But when Barlow is in the moment, gnawing on fatty pork cheek after being showered with filth and live ants at an ancient festival, well, some of us may shudder, but the more porkulent will feel the stirrings of craving: Belly's pork confit, anyone?

— Jennifer Burns Levin

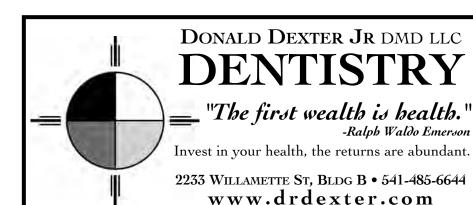
Media Whore

I Have Fun Everywhere I Go: Savage Tales of Pot, Porn, Punk Rock, Pro Wrestling, Talking Apes, Evil Bosses, Dirty Blues, American Heroes, and the Most Notorious Magazines in the World by Mike Edison. Faber & Faber, \$25.

he editing and publishing career of Mike Edison, a shameless Ivy League drop-out, led him to *High Times*, *Hustler*, *Penthouse* and *Screw*. As he puts it, "That's not a résumé, that's a crime scene." In between magazine gigs and touring Europe and the U.S. with raunchy punk bands, he wrote 20 pornographic novels and chronicled all of his escapades like the media whore he freely admits he is. Edison slags everyone and everything with abandon, and drags the



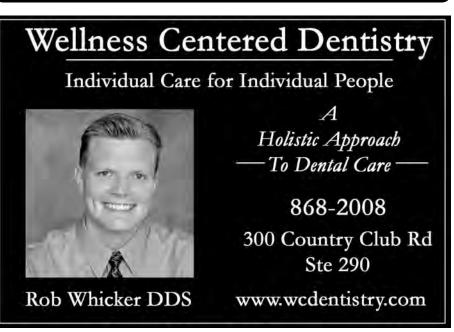




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reader along on a journalistic thrill ride of gonzo proportions. — *Vanessa Salvia*

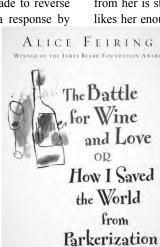
is thriving — and so is Parkerization. Funny book. — *Lance Sparks*

Fruitless War

The Battle for Wine and Love, or How I Saved the World from Parkerization by Alice Feiring. Harcourt, \$23.

his is a heart-warming little book about how Feiring came to love wine, made a writing career out of her love and then turned the career into a crusade to reverse "Parkerization," defined as a response by

vintners trying to make wines that would garner 90+ points on the 100-point scale devised by ex-lawyer-turned-wine-critic Robert Parker, publisher of *The Wine Advocate*, the most influential wine newsletter in the world. It's simple money/sales greed that has led to wines that taste pretty much the same: big "fruit bombs" with no character. Despite Feiring's brave best efforts, Robert Parker



You Thought You Knew Me The Importance of Music to Girls

by Lavinia Greenlaw. Farrar, Straus & Giroux,

magine a middle-aged, middle-class British female on a date — make it the third date, when the bloke sitting across from her is still clueless about her past but likes her enough to ask for the whole story

— who, egged on by her date's curiosity, spends the whole night recalling the foibles of her youth. OK, now name her Lavinia Greenlaw, transcribe her words onto 205 pages and BAM! you have yourself *The Importance of Music to Girls*.

Lucky for us (her "dates"), Girls is overall a pleasant read. Greenlaw's prose is

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Terrorists, Dragons and Survival

by Suzi Steffen

Though we know some young adults who have recently said "No more dragons or magic!" (and for them, we recommend the novels of E. Lockhart, Kathe Koja, Markus Zusak, Ellen Wittlinger, Jacqueline Woodson, Laurie Halse Anderson, Sarah Dessen, Suzanne Fisher Staples, Julius Lester or Walter Dean Myers), we still want to highlight a few of the year's best fantasy and science fiction books for teens.



Graceling by Kristin Cashore. Harcourt, \$17. Love *Twilight*? *Graceling* has magic and romance. Hate *Twilight*? The young female protagonist of *Graceling* could crush Bella, Edward, Jacob or James with the skill that is her Grace. Also, she's an independent thinker who has bigger concerns than her Very Special Lover.

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness. Candlewick, \$18.99. It's a world without girls and women, a world where men hear each other's

thoughts at all times. When young Todd

Prentiss discovers a secret, where can he run? The propulsive plot will keep young men (and young women) reading until the absolutely killer cliffhanger of an ending. Book 2 comes out soon!

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. Scholastic Press, \$17.99. To control its restive population, the Capital of a post-apocalyptic North America takes young competitors and pits them against each other in reality fights to the death. Will Katniss survive?



Eon: Dragoneye

Reborn by Alison Goodman. Viking Juvenile, \$19.99. Another first book, this one a quasi-Japanese, quasi-Chinese saga from an Australian author. If anyone finds out Eon's a girl, she'll be killed — unless her dragon protects her ... but her dragon's out of contact.

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow. Tor Teen, \$17.95. Doctorow (Down and Out in the Magic Kingdom) delivers a gripping tale about the evils of surveillance and the Department of Homeland Security, which one 17-year-old must outthink and outwit.

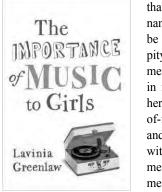
generally formal and distant, creating a distinct break between the classy professor she is now and the punk rock teenager she was back then. She removes herself from her own experiences to cast a detached, analytical eye on her past, stumbling on the occasional cuss word to distinguish the "rebelliousness" of vouth.

Though not incredibly thoughtprovoking, the tales of teenage rebellion, desire for individuality and fluctuating experimental phases are easy to relate to for girls and boys alike. The real fun of the memoir comes from laughing at Greenlaw as well as yourself. Young audiences can identify with the silly adolescent mentality as they are living it, while older audiences can chuckle about the rashness of their youth with a hint of pride, as Greenlaw does. And if you really want to make the most of the novel, you can always read it with a British accent. — Mariam Wahed

Blood and Shit

The Two Kinds of Decay by Sarah Manguso. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$22.

he Two Kinds of Decay recounts poet Sarah Manguso's struggle with chronic idiopathic demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP), a disease



that doesn't even have a proper name yet. But Manguso won't be inhabiting a weepy-eyed pity city in her first published memoir. "With my own blood in me," Manguso explains in her steady, reflective, matterof-fact tone, "I couldn't feel, and I couldn't move, but with other people's blood in me, and with chemicals in me, I could do those things." Gulp. For needle-phobes

psychosomatic sufferers (myself included), Decay may induce feelings of lightheadedness.

What's great about Manguso's memoir is that it doesn't have a grand narrative arc welded to its spine. Manguso begins her book with such a simple premise: "Now I can try to remember what happened. Not understand. Just remember." Who hasn't felt the urge to record momentous events after they happen in the hopes that, in less chaotic times, these idiosyncratic thoughts might offer some insight? But what insight Manguso gleans from her ordeal isn't set in stone from page one; instead she picks away at her memories using sharp, poetic prose and neat, chewable paragraphs as bits and pieces of her past come into focus on the page. Eventually she unearths nuggets like "The only hard thing I'd done in my life was recovering from a disease," but usually her revelations are sweeter, like her belief that having sex with her college friend

was what led to the disease's remission. Congratulations, Sarah Manguso, for writing the first memoir that made me sweat. A lot.

— Chuck Adams

Getting It On for Science Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science

and Sex by Mary Roach. W.W. Norton,

irst, it was dead bodies. Next, the scientific possibility of the soul. Now, it's sex: sex research, to be more precise. Give Mary Roach a couple more decades, and she'll have turned out tomes on every outside-the-norm aspect of science you can think of, and a few more for good measure. Her personable, conversational wry tone — and her willingness to join in the studies when human subjects board

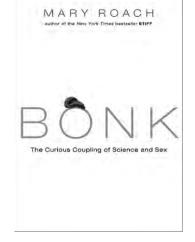
guidelines keep her from observing others in certain, er, acts — make Roach a fantastic guide through the world of sex research, from John B. Watson, the first "to make the case for bringing sexual arousal and orgasm into the formal confines of a laboratory," to Dr. Ahmed Shafik, a somewhat quirky fellow who studies things like "the effect of polyester on sexual activity." (This involved rats in small pairs of pants.) Naturally,

the more familiar names, like Kinsey and Masters and Johnson, make plenty of appearances as well.

Roach starts with the basics - what actually happens during sex, and how researchers figured that out — and moves on to less straightforward topics, like the health benefits of masturbation (and whether an inexpensive, non-prescription vibrator can

do the job just as well as the spendy Eros Clitoral Therapy Device), and how paraplegics can have orgasms. Roach's footnotes and asides are as funny, and as sharply observed, as her main text, but she never loses sight of the more difficult aspects of her chosen topic, particularly where human hearts, as well as human bodies, are involved.

— Molly Templeton



Notes From An Overanalytical Journalist Only Love Can Break Your Heart by

David Samuels. The New Press, \$26.95.

D avid Samuels begins this collection of journalistic and personal essays with a preface that proclaims "it has become harder and harder for freelancers like me to have any fun" before announcing his retirement











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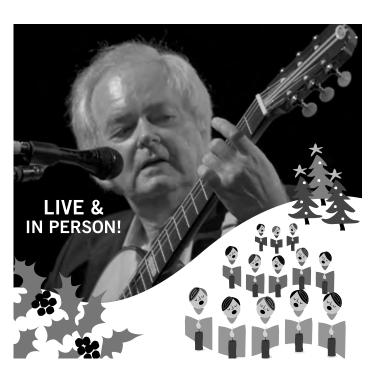
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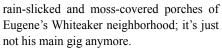
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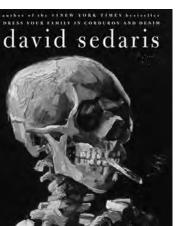


Winter Reading

from a decade-long career in magazine writing. That isn't to say Samuels will quit writing for *The* Atlantic, Harper's any other publication that pays him to report from the press tent at Woodstock '99 the rope line at a fundraising for banquet George W. Bush's reelection in 2004 and. of local interest the



In "Notes from Underground," Samuels sweeps through Eugene shortly after the 1999 WTO protests in Seattle, talks with local anarchists (including a lengthy chat with John Zerzan), police officers and other persons of interest, but mostly just absorbs the look and feel of Eugene at the tail end of a millennium. "The distinctive generational emotions of foot-dragging anger, thwarted desire, and suicidal disconnection," Samuels notes, "have at least as much to do with the rain and fog and cold as they do with the decay of the American social fabric or the anomie-inducing properties of an Internet-based society. The weather here is enough to



make anyone miserable."

Samuels may've been the first to claim the similarities between Islamic jihadists and the "savage cousins of the hippies who lived in buses in the woods in Oregon." Regardless of your heritage, Samuels writes, "it sucks to be raised on a diet of tofu and rice." — Chuck Adams

Neurotica For Fiftysomethings When You Are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris. Little, Brown and Company, \$25.99.

avid Sedaris' recent collection of essays is so hilarious that you can almost forget the underlying quiet despair of mid-life crisis. He is 50 years old, wrestling with death and dying while trying to give up smoking Kools in Tokyo or manage an unruly flock of songbirds that menaces his home in the French countryside. As Sedaris contemplates the "9,125 relatively uneventful days" of his life, he wonders how the prime of life has passed so quickly, "and how can I keep it from happening again?" He trolls through banks of memories, from his childhood with a hedonistic babysitter and his parents' attempts at art collecting to life with his partner, Hugh, and the strains coupledom places on his psyche.

The World, Changing and Changed

by Suzi Steffen

Truth: Stranger than fiction? Often, and well-written history books mean we understand a little bit more about how we got here. From a massive selection, here are a few that would make great gifts for the history buffs in your life:

Defying Dixie: The Radical Roots of Civil Rights, 1919-1950 by Glenda Elizabeth Gilmore. W.W. Norton, \$39.95. Guess what? The Civil Rights



movement didn't start when Rosa Parks refused to stand. Gilmore showcases the continual resistance of Southern African Americans and white folks to Jim Crow.

Factory Girls: From Village to City in a Changing China by Leslie Chang. Speigel & Grau, \$26. Technically, this is super-recent history, but we predict this well-documented and spellbinding narrative will serve as a lasting record of one of the largest mass migrations the world has ever seen.

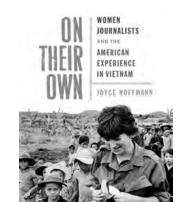
American-Made: The Enduring Legacy of the

WPA by Nick Taylor. Bantam Books, \$27. The book's other subtitle is "When FDR Put the Nation to Work," and we sure hope President-elect Obama is reading this superb tome as he plans to rebuild our country's infrastructure.

On Their Own: Women Journalists and the American Experience in Vietnam by

Joyce Hoffman. Da Capo Press, \$27.50. When the military, the government and newspapers said no way, these women took it as incentive to photograph, write and report from the front lines anyway.

Le Corbusier: A Life by Nicholas Fox Weber. Knopf, \$45. Don't leave it to art history and architecture grad students to read this life of a man whose personal life and buildings spanned Europe and the U.S. in the 20th century.



One stand-out in this collection is about the unwittingly funny consequences of accidentally spitting a lozenge onto the lap of his seatmate on a plane. As usual, Sedaris' strength lies in transforming life's embarrassing, private and trivial moments into comedic gems that resonate with truth and beauty

These aren't new essays; 16 of the 22 were previously published in The New Yorker. But reading them more than once only enhances Sedaris' prose. From a colorful, cussing neighbor to a truck driver who is obsessed with talking about oral sex to visiting a forensic examiner's office while on assignment for Esquire, Sedaris never tires of mining his life for clues to explain his neuroticism Here's hoping that Sedaris

gets another 50 years in which to share his transcendent take on the comedy that is life.

— Vanessa Salvia

Wild Horses Mustang: The Saga of the Wild Horse

in the American West by Deanne Stillman. Houghton Mifflin, \$25.

hen I moved to Oregon, I discovered this state has herds of free-roaming wild horses east of the Cascades, and I became fascinated by them and the efforts to protect them. *Mustang* author Deanne Stillman was drawn into the wild horse issue when she read about the massacre of wild horses that took place in Nevada at Christmastime in 1998. 34 horses were shot and killed by a couple of U.S. Marines. "Why would someone go out and kill the animals that had blazed our

trails, fought our wars, served as our most loyal partners?" she asks.

From this tragic Stillman incident. delves into an ecological, political and cultural history of wild horses in the West. She starts 65 million years ago with the evolution of the horse in North America and moves quickly to the return of the horse on the ships of the Spanish

Conquistadors. Stillman intersperses fact with vivid imagery from incidents such as Custer's last stand — a wild horse named Comanche was the only creature left alive of Custer's troops — to wild horses in the movies and then on to modern day helicopter round-ups.

Stillman herself has become a wild horse advocate, and her book is particularly timely this year, as the government threatens to "euthanize" 30,000 of the last of America's wild horses. It's a fascinating introduction

to the animal that leads the government, ranchers and environmentalists to squabble but little girls to squeal with joy.

— Camilla Mortensen

Pilgrims' Progress

The Wordy Shipmates by Sarah Vowell. Riverhead. \$25.95

o a transplant from the American South, everything out here just seems so ... new. Oregon has its pioneers and explorers, sure, but sometimes I miss the East Coast, where you can barely navigate a city street without tripping over a commemorative plaque. That's why I enjoyed Sarah Vowell's The Wordy Shipmates, in which the author trains the trademark, self-described "confrontational, chatty bent" that served her so well in 2005's Assassination Vacation on a new nonfiction subject: the Puritan founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Among Vowell's band of literate, loquacious and unexpectedly relatable Puritans, two figures stand out: John Winthrop, riding herd as governor of the burgeoning colony, and Roger Williams, co-founder of Rhode Island and agitator for both Native American rights and the free practice of religion.

The Wordy Shipmates is far from a dry history tome. This is your eighth grade history textbook as you wish it had been written. Vowell's pop cultural namedropping can be cloying at times, but it's worth it to watch her make goofball comparisons of early 1600s events to

episodes of *The Brady Bunch*. And in her more serious moments, Vowell is capable of drawing parallels between 17th century politics and our current national debates on immigration and the War on Terror.

And that's the real trick to Vowell's work. In demonstrating the relevance of these long-ago shipmates to our own lives, our own time, Vowell rescues the Puritans from consignment to construction-paper turkeys and charter bus tours of Boston. Vowell gives her Puritans a voice lacking in more static history texts and proves that our American forebears still have lessons to teach us. — *Aaron Ragan-Fore*

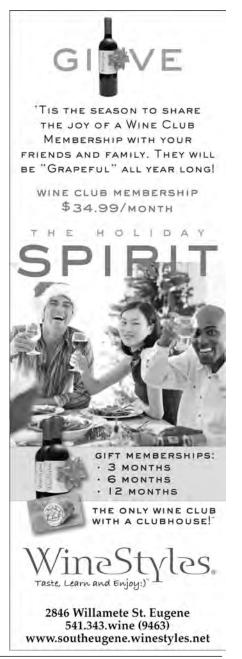
New York at Night Central Park in the Dark: More Mysteries of Urban Wildlife by Marie Winn, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$25.

wildlife that inhabits the wilderness areas within Manhattan's 843-acre Central Park. Winn's detailed observations chronicle the habits of the park's nocturnal critters, from a visiting great horned owl to resident pheasants and rare moths. The human drama is recorded almost as affectionately as the natural mysteries unfolding throughout the park's wilds; Winn and her fearless band of nature lovers brave rain, snow and the criminal element to discover the drama of slug sex, the roosting tree of thousands of robins and the fate of a family of screech owls. — Vanessa Salvia





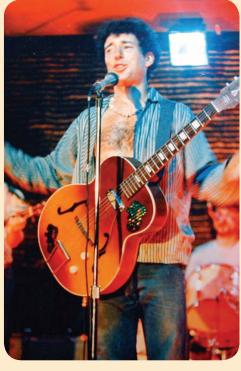








What did New Wave's protopunk scene sound like before the Talking Heads sang their songs about psycho killers and arson? It sounded a whole lot like The Modern Lovers, a group fronted by Jonathan Richman, who plays Sam Bond's this week with his longtime drummer Tommy Larkins. The Modern Lovers' classic "Roadrunner" was so influential it was scalped by international pop star M.I.A. on her recent hit "Bamboo Banga." Like his era's cohorts David Byrne and Lou Reed, Richman has been consistently



churning out new work since his heyday in the '70s. Vapor Records (who released this year's *Because Her Beauty Is Raw and Wild*) claims Richman "does not participate in the Internet on any level" but instead maintains his fanbase through exhaustive touring. So if you want to check up on this art rock star's life on the road, you can't read his blog, but you can go to his show. 9:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 13, Sam Bond's. 21+. \$12.

Yeah, we know: How many productions of **A Christmas Carol** can we possibly endure in one month? But wait, something's missing this year! Oh yeah, that'd be the now-defunct Willamette Rep's annual production. So it is delightful that the **Pleasant Hill Community Theatre** company will step up and fill Will Rep's *Carol* vacuum and balance out Actors Cabaret's raucous musical production (opening Dec. 19) of the Charles Dickens classic. PHCT's production, presented as dessert theater on Friday and Sunday in Pleasant Hill, will get its big-stage billing at The Shedd's Jaqua Concert Hall on Saturday. "For us," PHCT Board President Michael Stearns says, "Eugene is the big-time and we aim



to put on a crowd-pleasing show." Local playwright Fred Crafts has been bringing Dickens' characters to life in a 1940s-style radio theater program for years now. Last year's PHCT production took extensive liberties with the original story in order to bring out the humor. This year Crafts will stick to a traditional interpretation that will surely "appeal to the purists out there," says Stearns. Look for Frank Muhr as Scrooge (pictured), Claude Offenbacher as Bob Crachit and former Oregon Bach Festival Executive Director Royce Saltzman as Marley. 7:30 pm Friday, Dec. 12, and 2 pm Sunday, Dec. 14, at Pleasant Hill Community Theater; 7:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 13, at The Shedd. \$15-\$18.



THURSDAY

Sunrise 7:38am; Sunset 4:34pm Av High 46; Av Low 34 SnarkCast: PRE-REGISTERED

FILM Cambodian film series: Sentenced Home, 6pm, 110 Willamette, UO, FREE.

FOOD/DRINK Wine tasting: Australian wines, 5pm-9pm, WineStyles. \$5.

Wine clinic, 7pm, Nib Dessert & Wine Bar, 967 Monroe. 485-1269. FREE.

GATHERINGS Christmas Crafts Fair and Bake Sale Fundraiser, 9am-6pm today, tomorrow and Dec. 13, Brethren, 1062 Main, Spfld. FREE.

Vintage Fashion Show, 3pm. Willamalane 736-4444. \$4. Center,

Prairie Mountain School Celebration, 4pm, Barnes & Noble. FREE.

LASC presents a report back from Fort Benning, w/documentary on SOA to follow, 5:30pm, 458 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Hearing Loss Assoc. of Lane County's Christmas Party, Potluck & Gift Exchange, 7pm, Hilvard Community Center. 685-9327.

MUSIC Winter Holiday Sing, 7pm, Oak Hill School gym. FREE. Eugene Symphony and Chambers Foundation Celebration, 7:30pm, Hult Center. \$15+

Green is for Go, 8pm, Cozmic Pizza. Don.

The Grouch, Eligh, The Bayliens, Marv Ellis, 9pm, WOW Hall. \$13 adv., \$16 door.

ON THE AIR "New Dimensions" presents "Toward A Dignitarian World" with Robert Fuller, 6:30pm, KLCC 89.7 FM.

SPIRITUAL "Lights of Hope and Transformation," Interfaith Prayer Service, 7pm, First Christian Church, 1166 Oak. FREE.

THEATER Annoyed by an Angel, 7pm today, tomorrow and Dec. 13; 9am & 11am Dec. 14, Eugene Christian Fellowship. renee@ecf.

Glengarry Glen Ross, 8pm today, tomorrow and Dec. 13: 2pm Dec. 14, Very Little Theatre Stage Left, 2350 Hilyard. \$12.

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ARTS/VISUAL Tapestry artist Linda Rees gives an art talk, noon, DIVA. FREE.

Holiday Open House & Artist Studio Sale, 5pm-9pm today; 11am-5pm tomorrow; noon-4pm Dec. 14, W. 2nd Ave. & Blair Blvd.

Clay Space Holiday Sale, 5pm-9pm today: 10am-7pm tomorrow: noon-4pm Dec. 14, 222 Polk St. FRFF.

DANCE Eugene Youth Ballet performs *The Nutcracker*, 4pm 5pm, Downtown Library. FREE.

FOOD/DRINK Wine tasting: Greek wines, 5pm-7pm, Wine Styles. FREE.

GATHERINGS Oak Patch Gifts Blowout Warehouse Sale, feat. Jodi Coyote, 10am-6pm today & 10am-5pm tomorrow, Lane County Fairgrounds. FREE.

City Club Friday Forum: "Holiday Gifts: Giving (Back) to the Community, 11:50am, Eugene Hilton. \$5.

Ophelia's Place Holiday Party for girls ages 10-18, noon-6pm, 1577 Pearl St., Ste. 200. 284-4333.

Helios Resource Network Holiday Party, 5pm, Knights of Pythias, 420 W. 12th. FREÉ.

WAND presents "Women. Power. Peace." feat. silent & oral auction, open mic, 6:30pm, Cozmic Pizza. 338-8605. FREE.

KIDS/FAMILY Seussical the Musical on Ice, a benefit for Toys for Tots, 7:30pm today and 1pm & 7pm tomorrow, Lane County Fairgrounds Ice Center. 682-3615. Admission is a new, unwrapped, store-bought toy for a child.

LECTURES "Antarctica," slideshow presentation by Tim Hooten. 1:30pm. Willamalane Center, Spfd. RSVP, 736-4444. FREE.

"Earth's Climate Crisis: A Systems Sciences View," Alder Fuller, 6:30pm, Euglena Academy, 151 Cleveland St., Ste. 1, FREE.

Eugene Natural History Society presents "Thinking Inside the Box: Bird Nests," Dick Lamster, 7:30pm, 100 Willamette, UO. 344-3327. FREE.

MUSIC Eugene Youth Symphony winter concert, 7:30pm, South Eugene High School. \$7, \$5 sr., \$3 stu. (\$15 family).

Ken Peplowski & Bill Mays, 7:30pm, The Shedd. \$24-\$32.

Fall of Troy, The #12 Looks Like You, Warship, The Black Houses, 8pm, WOW Hall. \$10 adv., \$12

SOCIAL DANCE Bolero dance w/lesson, 8:30pm, StaverDanceSport. \$10.

SPIRITUAL "Eckhart Tolle's *The* Art of Presence, Part IV," screening, discussion & refreshments, 7pm, Inside Edge Program, CSL, 390 Vernal St. www.InsideEdge-Eugene.org \$5-\$8.

THEATER A Christmas Carol dessert theater presentation. 7:30pm today and 2pm Dec. 14 at Pleasant Hill Community Theater; 7:30pm tomorrow at The Shedd. www.phct.org or 988-1195. \$15-\$18 includes dessert.

The Christmas Truce, 8pm today, tomorrow; 2pm Dec. 14, Actors Cabaret of Eugene. 683-4368.

Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings, 8pm today, tomorrow; 2pm Dec. 14, Actors Cabaret of Eugene, 996 Willamette. www.actorscabaret. ora \$16 restricted/\$19 reserved, \$33/36 brunch/dinner seating.

Lord Leebrick Theatre presents It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play, 7:30pm today, tomorrow and Dec. 19-20; 2pm Dec. 14 & 21, Wildish Theater, Spfd. 465-1506. \$17, \$14 sr., \$12 stu.

Emerald Valley Playback Theater presents Money: Your Stories in Times of Uncertainty, 7pm, DIVA. FREE.

Nunsense, 8pm today, tomorrow and Dec. 19-20; 2:30pm Dec. 14, Cottage Theater, Cottage Grove. www.cottagetheatre.org 942-8001. \$18, \$17 stu., sr.

Annoyed by an Angel continues. See Thursday, Dec. 11.

Glengarry Glen Ross continues.

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ARTS/VISUAL Kenneth Standhardt's Holiday Studio Sale, 10am-5pm, 4875 Garnet St. 514-4646.

Boyden's Holiday Studio Sale (furniture, rustic creations & recycled art), 11am-5pm today & tomorrow, 1568 Fairmount Blvd. FRFF.

Make Your Own Holiday Art Cards & Gifts, materials provided, 1pm-3pm, DIVA, Register, www. divacenter.org or 344-3482. \$12.

2nd & Blair Holiday Open House & Artist Studio Sale continues. See Friday.

Clay Space Holiday Sale continues. See Friday.

BENEFITS AAUW Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction, benefit to help women with legal matters scholarships, 9:30am, Eugene Hilton. 344-4134. \$15.

DVM microchip implant clinic for pets, fundraiser for non-profits. 11am-3pm, Johnson Bro Greenhouses, Coburg. \$20.

FARMERS' MARKET Holiday farmers' market, 10am-6pm Sat-urdays & Sundays through Dec. Lane County Fairgrounds. FREE.

Hideaway Farmers' market, 9am-2pm Saturdays through Dec. 27. 3377 E. Amazon (behind Mazzi's). FREE.

FOOD/DRINK "The Art of Tasting Wine" clinic, 2pm, WineStyles.

GATHERINGS Oregon Knife Collectors Winter Show, 8am-4pm, Lane County Fairgrounds.

Wellsprings Friends School special holiday "free" sale, 9am-noon, 3590 W. 18th. 686-1223. FREE.

Saturday Market's Holiday Market, featuring performances by Holt Elementary School Choir, 10:30am; Olem Alves Jazz Duo, 11:30am; Eugene Recorder Ensemble, 12:30pm; Temple Beth Israel Kids Choir & Band, 1:45pm: The Leo Brothers, 3:15pm; Cal Young Jazz Band, 4:45pm, 10am-6pm, Lane County Fairgrounds. www.holidaymarket.org FREE.

"Geneaology: Ancestry HeritageQuest" clinic, 1 HeritageQuest" clinic, 10am, Downtown Library. 682-5450. FREE.

Arc of Lane County's Holiday Bazaar, 10am-3pm today & Dec. 20, 4181 E St., Spfd. 343-5256.

Clear Lake Elementary Crafter's Fair, 10am-5pm today & 10am-4pm tomorrow, 4646 Barger Dr. FREE.

Eugene Tinnitus & Hyperacusis support group meets, 11am, Eugene Hearing & Speech Center, 1500 W. 12th. 485-8521. FREE.

Free People, feat. music, food, fellowship, 11am-3pm, clothing, WOW Hall, FREE.

Winter Holiday Gathering & Art Sale, noon-4pm, Dharmalaya, 356 Horn Ln. 342-7621. FREE.

Community discussion about Euglena's Climate Adaptation Program, 3pm (6pm potluck), 151 Cleveland St., Ste. 1. FREE.

Creswell Christmas Follies, feat. special guest Nichole Mead, music, dancing, desserts, 6:30pm, Creswell High School. 895-8699. \$15, \$10 stu., sr.





Hamline Middle School talent showcase, 7pm, Barnes & Noble.

KIDS/FAMILIES Nearby Nature Quest: "Green Gifts," 10am, meet outside Park Host Residence. Alton Baker Park, RSVP. 687-9699. \$2/person, \$5 family.

"Basketry for Families," 10am-4:30pm, West Eugene Wetlands 751 S. Danebo. RSVP, 683-6494. \$4 sug. don.

Holiday Family Day & Open House, feat, Cuban-style food, music & art activities, 11am-3pm, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, UO. 346-3027. FREE.

Hosanna Dance Studio presents Adventures in Narnia, 1pm & 7pm today; 4pm tomorrow

Performance Hall, LCC. hosanna-foundation.org \$10-\$15. Eugene Youth Ballet performs Nutcracker Suite, 3:30pm, Springfield Library, FREE.

Seussical the Musical on Ice continues. See Friday.

LGBT Hot Flash Dance for gay women, 5pm-9pm, Diablo's. \$8.

LITERARY ARTS Nicki Scully and Linda Star Wolf celebrate the release of *The Anubis Ora*cle: A Journey into the Shamanic Mysteries of Egypt, 4pm, Tsunami Books, FREE.

Emmy Award-winning storyteller Mark Lewis tells holiday stories, 7pm, Barnes & Noble. FREE.

MUSIC "A Celtic Holiday." feat.

music by Linda Danielson & Chico Schwall and storytelling w/ David Stuart Bull, 3pm today and Dec. 19-20; 9:30pm Dec. 15-18 and 22-23, Café Soriah. RSVP, 342-4410. \$10.

Valley Hanson Family, Dallas & PJ McCord, Misty Mamas, Apropos Musique, Oral Robbins, 6:30pm. Willamette High School. \$3-\$6.

Benefit concert for Free People feat. The Lost Dogs, 7pm, WOW Hall. \$10 adv., \$15 door.

WOW Hall Membership Party, feat. Eostar Kamala, Concrete Loveseat & The Moon Box, Chico Schwall, Michael MorningSun & Alegria, 7pm, WOW Hall. \$15,



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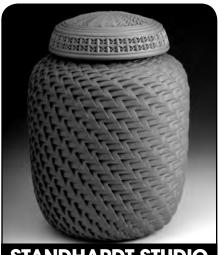
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Shimshai & Deva Priyo, Jaya Lakshmi, 7:30pm, Far Horizons School, 2490 Hilyard. \$15 adv., \$20 door.

Eugene Concert Choir presents Williams Show, 8pm today and 2:30pm tomorrow, Hult Center. \$19-\$34. Jonathan Richman w/Tommy Larkins, 9:30pm, Sam Bond's. 21+. \$12.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION GEARs rides (bring food): Lo-

rane Hwy./Gimpl Hill, 30 miles; McBeth-Fox Hollow, 20 miles, 9:30am, Alton Baker Park. www.

SOCIAL DANCE Contra dance. 7:30pm, Roosevelt Middle School gym, 680 E. 24th. \$7, \$6 stu.

THEATER Annoyed by an Angel nues. See Thursday, Dec. 11.

Glengarry Glen Ross continues.

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Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings continues. See Friday.

Lord Leebrick's It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play continues. See Friday.

Nunsense continues. See Friday.

VOLUNTEER Plant native plants, 11am, West University Park, 14th & Hilyard. 682-4845. Gloves & tools provided.

Sunrise 7:41am; Sunset 4:35pm Av High 46; Av Low 33 SnarkCast: SHELLAX

ARTS/VISUAL Fiber arts open studio, noon-4pm today, Dec. 21 & 28. Fox Hollow Farm & Fiber, 30781 Fox Hollow Rd. FREE.

2nd & Blair Holiday Open House & Artist Studio Sale continues. See Friday.

Emerald Valley Playback Theater presents Money: Your Stories in Times of Uncertainty at **DIVA Friday**

Holiday Clay Space continues. See Friday.

Tim Boyden's Holiday Studio Sale continues. See Saturday.

FARMER'S MARKET Holiday farmers' market continues. See Saturday.

GATHERINGS Saturday Market's Holiday Market, featuring performances by Young Writers Association, 10:30am; Bin Daas, 11:30am; Sideroads, 12:30pm; Red Pajamas, 1:45pm; Bad Mitten Orchestre, 3:15pm; Paul & Nancy's Love Truffle, 4:45pm, 10am-6pm, Lane County Fairgrounds. org FREE. www.holidaymarket.

Infant CranioSacral clinic for babies newborn to six months, 1pm-4pm, Acupuncture for the eople, 2833 Willamette St., Ste. E. RSVP. 684-0066. FREE.

Clear Lake Flementary Crafter's Fair continues. See Saturday.

KIDS/FAMILIES Hosanna Dance Studio's Adventures in Narnia continues. See Saturday.

LITERARY ARTS Brian Lanker signs Shall We Dance? 2pm, UO Bookstore. FREE.

MUSIC Oregon Children's Choir, 3pm & 7pm, Beall Hall, UO.

Eugene Recorder Ensemble's holiday show. Congregational Church, 23rd & Harris, FREE.

Eugene Concert Choir's Mason Williams Holiday Show continues. See Saturday.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION Eugene Hash House Harriers run/walk, 3pm, call 344-6933 for location.

Obsidians hike: Midnight Lake, x-ski. 7 miles. See YMCA for details/signGEARs rides: Winberry Creek, 70 miles (bring food); Jasper, 40 miles (foodstop), 9:30am, Alton Baker Park. www.eugenegears.org

SOCIAL DANCE Coalessence, in the ecstatic dance tradition, 10:30am, The Tango Center.

343-2246. \$5-\$10. THEATER Annoyed by an Ancontinues. See Thursday,

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GATHERINGS PFLAG general meeting, 6:45pm, First Congregational Church, 1050 E. 23rd. 302-4422. FREE.

Road River Community Organization public forum & dessert potluck, 7pm, River Road Annex, 1055 River Rd. FREE.

"Intro to Hypnobabies: Self-hypnosis for childbirth," 7pm, call 514-3042 to register. FREE.

LECTURE Planet Now: Climate roundtable discussion, 6:30pm, Cozmic Pizza. FREE.



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Sunrise 7:42am: Sunset 4:35ni Av High 45; Av Low 33 SnarkCast: TONNO

FOOD/DRINK Wine tasting: Wines for a "Long winter's nap," benefits Habitat for Humanity, 5pm-9pm, WineStyles. \$10.

GATHERING "Copwatch: Know Your Rights" video showing, feat. CLDC attorney Lauren Regan, 6pm, Grower's Market, 454 Wil-

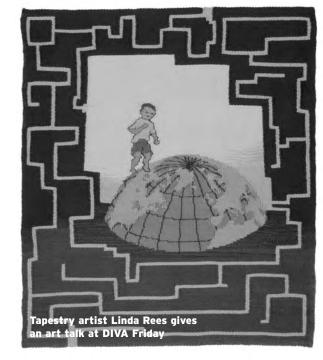
KIDS/FAMILIES Jammie storytime, 7pm, Springfield Library. FREE.

ON THE AIR "Alternative Radio" presents an interview w/ Studs Terkel: "Which Side Are You On? (Part 2)" 6:30pm, KLCC 89.7 FM.

opening nights

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio **Play** opens Friday, Dec. 12, at the Wildish Community Theatre.

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nrise 7:43am; Sunset 4:36pr Av High 45; Av Low 33 SnarkCast: HONGRY

FOOD/DRINK Belgian healthy chocolate & chai happy hour, 7pm, Govinda's Restaurant, 1030 River Rd. 461-0093. \$2 chai w/ free chocolate tastings.

GATHERING "Self-hypnosis for relaxation," 7pm, call 514-3042 to register. FREE.

MUSIC John Prine Sing-along, 9pm, Sam Bond's. 21+. \$4.

Av High 45: Av Low 33 SnarkCast: PROBAIT

BENEFIT Willamette Jazz Society's Holiday Party & Fundraiser, feat. wine, food, music, 6:30pm, Jo Federigo's. \$20-\$50.

FILM Seniors in the Movies: Venus, 2:45pm, Campbell Center. FREE. FOOD/DRINK Wine tasting: Wines for a "Long winter's nap," 5pm-9pm, WineStyles. \$5.

KIDS/FAMILY December art class w/Kim Jarvis, 3:30pm, Springfield Library. Register at Youth Services Desk. FREE.

LITERARY ARTS UO Book store fiction book group: Hearts of Horses by Molly Gloss, 6pm, Napoli's. FREE.

ON THE AIR "New Dimensions" presents "Dreaming Your Way to Higher Consciousness" with Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, 6:30pm, KLCC 89.7 FM.

SOCIAL DANCE Cajun & Zydeco dance, feat. Cedryl Ballou & the Zydeco Trendsetters, 7pm lesson, 8pm dance, Rock 'n Rodeo, 7th & Willamette. \$10 adv., \$12 door.

out-of-town events are listed under the first day of the event.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11 Miracle on 34th Street, 7:30pm today, tomorrow and Dec. 13 & 18-20; 2:30pm Dec. 14, Albany Civic Theater, 111 First Ave. SW. www. albanycivic.org \$8-\$11.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12 Willamette STAGE Co. presents The Re-

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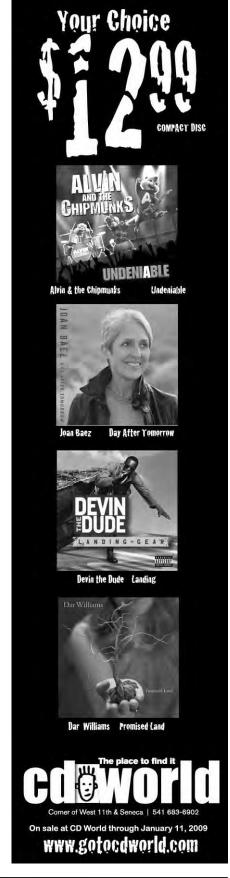
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treat from Moscow, 8pm to-day, tomorrow and Dec. 19-20, 26-27; 2:30pm Dec. 14 & 21, Corvallis High School. www.willamettestage.org or 368-7092.

Barefoot Boogie, freestyle dance, 8pm, Cedar & Fir Studio, 3204B NW Grant. \$5-\$10 sug. don.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13 Santa visits, 11am-3pm, Majestic Theater. \$5 sug. don.

Author Celebration, feat, Michele Longo Eder, noon-4pm, O World Deli, 341 SW 2nd. FREE.

Willamette Valley Concert Band Christmas Concert, 2pm, First Presbyterian Church, Albany. www.wvcb.info

Jubilate! Women's Choir of Corvallis, 7:30pm, Corvallis First Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe. FREE.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14 HOUR Traders Winter Celebration, feat. music by Three Fingered Jack, silent auction, 11am-4pm, Old World Deli, 341 SW 2nd St. FREE.

Corvallis Youth Symphony, 3pm, LaSells Stewart Center, OSU.

Confluence, Willamette Valley LGBT Chorus, performs, 4:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2645 NW Circle Blvd. \$15, \$12 sr.

MONDAY, DEC. 15 Low Vision support group, 2pm, Corvallis Senior Center. FREE.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16 Corvallis Community Band's Holiday Concert, 7pm, First Presbyterian

lights Festival, 5pm-8pm today through Dec. 28, Oregon Zoo. www.oregonzoo.org

A Christmas Carol, 7:30pm Tu-Sa & 2pm Su through Dec. 28, Portland Center Stage. www.pcs. org \$30+.

Holidays with the Trail Band, 7pm today, tomorrow and Dec. 13: 3pm Dec. 13 & 14. Aladdin Theater, PDX. \$12.50-\$27.50.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12 Vampire Weekend, Chairlift, 8pm, Crystal Ballroom, PDX. \$18.

Alpha Dahlia, Landmark, Yachats. FREE. Michael Londra presents Celtic Yuletide, 6pm & 8pm,

Byron Case & Rick Markstrom, 7:30pm, Deadwood Community Center. Don. SUNDAY, DEC. 14 Sara Ba-



Rivers Casino, Florence. \$13-\$18. **SATURDAY, DEC. 13** The Cave Singers, Y La Bamba, 10pm,

Doug Fir Lounge, PDX. 21+. \$12. Wine tasting: Lorelli Vineyards, 1pm-4pm, The Wine Place,

Victorian Christmas, 4pm-7pm today, tomorrow & Dec. 20-21, 92072 Hwy 101, Yachats. \$3 per

ArtGift, artists' small-format art sale, noon-5pm today & 10am-5pm tomorrow, Florence Events

Benefit concert for Deadwood

Creek Services, feat, Skip Jones,

reilles, 8pm, Crystal Ballroom,

THURSDAY, DEC. 18 Carolina

Liar, The Airborne Toxic Event,

8pm, Crystal Ballroom, PDX. \$15.

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Donate food to your USPS letter carrier on Saturday, Dec. 13. Food donations go to FOOD for Lane County. Please reuse a plastic grocery bag you already have.

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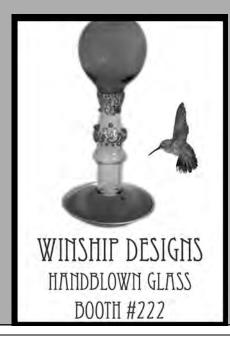
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Savona's "The Pretties," drawings by Christopher Cook, through Jan. 8. 1038 Willamette.

Imagine Jewelry by Robin Mix, through Dec. 31. 10am-7pm M-Sa; 10am-6pm Su. 296 E. 5th.

Jeremy Covert Gallery Paintings by Greta Ashworth; sculpture by Terry Weis; ceramics by Jeff Richards and Ariel Shriner, through Jan. 1. 269 W. 8th.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art "NewArt Northwest" student art show, through Feb. 22. "Cuba Avant-Garde: Contemporary Art from the Farber Collection," through Jan. 4. "Designed by Architects: Metalwork from the Margo Grant Walsh Collection," through Jan. 25. "Iconicity," ongoing installation. 11am-8pm W; 11am-5pm Tu & Th-Su. 1430 Johnson Ln., UO. \$5, \$3 stu. & sr., FREE UO stu., faculty, staff. (2-for-1 Tuesdays.)

CONTINUING

Adell McMillan Gallery "MASS Landscape," abstract expressionist work by Chang-Ae Song, through Dec. 13. 7am-11pm daily. EMU, UO.

Art of Glass Glass vessels by Janice Van Camp, through Dec. 30. "Nu Nu e," Japanese material pictures by Umaima Barma, through Dec. 24. 9am-5:30pm M-F; 9am-4pm Sa. 790 Blair.

The Arts Center "Holiday Gift Show," through Dec. 24. 10am-6pm daily. 700 SW Madison, Corvallis.

Backstreet Gallery Paintings & art books by Jennifer French, through Dec. 30. 11am-5pm W-Sa. 327 Laurel St., Florence

BentonCountyHistoricalSocietyPhilomathOpenStudiosTour&Sale, throughDec.27.1101MainSt.,Philomath

Blue Moon Jewelry Designs "Texture," metalwork by Tracey Bell, Margarita O'Brien and Renee Ford, through Jan. 1. 115 W. 6th Ave.

BRING Gallery "ReCraft Bazaar" group show, through Jan. 2. 8:30am-5pm M-Sa; 10am-5pm Su. 4446 Franklin Blvd., Glenwood.

Choppers Hair Studio Nature photography by Dawn Laderer, through Dec. 31. 11am-7pm Tu-Sa. 1241 Willamette.

David Joyce Gallery "Oregon's Beautiful Bounty," images of the fall bounty in Oregon, through Jan. 12. 8am-5pm M-F. Center for Meeting & Learning, LCC.

Diablo's Downtown Lounge "Our Other Selves: An exploration into our seldom-visited personalities," photography by Robert Williams, through Dec. 31. 959 Pearl St.

DIVA "Putting Content to Color," tapestries by Linda Rees; "Sheep Scapes," paintings by Vicki Fedricks; "Mortal TRIO," installation by Daniel Heila; "Salvage: Re-visions on a theme of heavy metal," photography by Lorri Goodman; "The View," paintings by Jerry Ross, through Dec. 23. Photography by Michael Northup, through Dec. 27. Noon-5pm Tu-Sa. 110 W. Broadway.

Dr. Don Dexter Stories in Cloth: Quilted Art & Wildlife," work by Phyliss Prom and Sandee Soleim, through Jan. 30. 8am-5pm M-F. 2233 Willamette St., Bldg. B.

Emerald Art Center "Equus," paintings by Sisy Anderson; plus work by Don Burgess, Leigh Avery and Michele Thorp, through Jan. 3. A reception is 5:30pm Friday. 11am-4pm Tu-Sa. 500 Main Street, Spfd.

Fenario Gallery Mixed-media installations by Mark Lammi, through Jan. 10. Noon-6pm Tu-Sa. 881 Willamette St.

The Hub Work by Aaron Sullivan, through Dec. 31. 298 Blair Blvd.

Infinity Mercantile Paintings & collage by Marilyn Kent, through Dec. 29. Noon-7pm M-Sa. 296 F. 5th

Island Park Art Gallery "Muse Art," artists' images of musicians, through Jan. 22. Willamalane Adult Activity Center, Spfd.

Jacobs Gallery "Tiny Treasures: The Miniature Beauty of Art Cards," through Jan. 3. Noon-4pm Tu-F; 11am-3pm Sa. Hult Center. **Karin Clarke Gallery** New work from over 11 artists, through Dec. 24. 10am-5:30pm T-Sa. 760 Willamette St.

Knight Law Center Gallery "Solitude & Absolute Form," landscape photography by Jon Christopher Meyers, through Dec. 29. 7am-11pm daily. Knight Law Center, 2nd floor, UO.

Kitsch Drawings and other work by Aaron T. Sullivan, through Dec. 31. 1016 Willamette.

La Follette Gallery "Inherently Sacred," mixed media prints by Jody Dunphy, through Dec. 31. 10am-6pm M-F, 10am-5pm Sa. 931 Oak.

Maude Kerns Art Center "Art for All Seasons" membership show; Club Mud Ceramics show & sale, through Dec. 19. 10am-5:30pm M-F; noon-4pm Sa. 1910 E. 15th. \$3 sug. don.

M.E.C.C.A. Group Art Doll Show, through Dec. 31, 43 W. Broadway.

Monroe Street Café Metaphysical pop art by Cheryl L. Campbell, through Dec. 31. An opening is 5pm Friday. 1123 Monroe.

Museum of Natural & Cultural History "Rock, Water, Fire, Earth, and Sky: Photographs of the Oregon West by David N. Jones," through March 1. "Walk a Mile in These Shoes: The Stories They Tell" exhibit, through Dec. 21. "Oregon: Where Past is Present" exhibit, ongoing. 11am-5pm W-Su. 1680 E. 15th. \$3, \$2 youths, sr.



Freedom and other work by Kimberly Adams (among others) shows at WOW Hall through Dec. 31

Museum of Unfine Art "Manic and Hyper-Realism," work by Jeremy Covert and Shawn Mediaclast, through Jan. 14. 11am-6pm M-Sa. 537 Willamette.

New Zone Gallery Silk paintings by Merideth Ferrell, through Dec. 31. Noon-6pm Tu-Su. 164 W. Broadway.

Oakway Wine & Deli Landscape paintings by Lynn Ihsen Peterson, through Dec. 25. Oakway Center.

Opus6ix Paintings by Jenny Gray, through Jan. 10. 10am-6pm Tu-Sa. 22 W. 7th.

Sam Bond's "Femme Fertile," paintings by Claire Flint, through Dec. 23. 4pm-lam daily. 407 Blair Blvd.

Studio West "Origins," paintings by Edgar Sanchez Cumbas and sculpture by Conrad Williams, through Feb. 2. 11am-6pm Tu-Th & Su; 11am-9pm F & Sa. 245 W. 8th.

Tevina Gallery Work by Jennifer Sells, through Dec. 24. 3pm-5pm W; 3pm-7pm F, and by appt. 228 Main St., Spfd.

Tsunami Books "Free Fall," paintings by Mara Berendt Friedman, through Dec. 31. 2585 Willamette.

Wandering Goat "Family," photo album photos, through Dec. 25. 7am-11pm M-F; 8am-midnight Sa; 8am-9pm Su. 268 Madison.

White Lotus Gallery Work by Jon Jay Cruson, Nonie Fish, Helen Liu, Connie Mueller, Jamie Newton, Walt Padgett, Nancy Pobanz, Satoko, Gary Tepfer and Maurice Van, through Dec. 24. 10am-5:30pm Tu-Sa. 767 Willamette.

WineStyles Work by Rebecca La Mothe, through Dec. 31. 2846 Willamette.

WOW Hall Work by Tommy Waggener, Rob Adams, Travis Weaver, Rachel Grudzen, Calyn Kelly, Kayte McDonald and Kimberly Adams, through Dec. 31. Noon-6pm M-F. WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th.





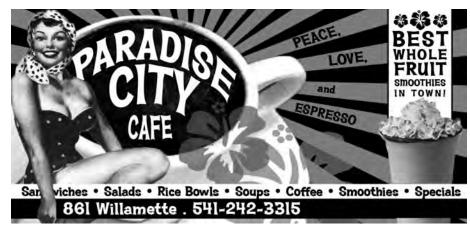


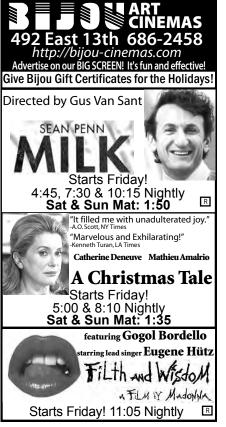


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LAKEVIEW TERRACE PG13 [12:30] 4:20, 7:05, 9:40

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In a time of fear, hope

MILK: Directed by Gus Van Sant, Written by Dustin Lance Black. Cinematography, Harris Savides. Music, Danny Elfman. Starring Sean Penn, Josh Brolin, James Franco, Diego Luna and Alison Pill. Focus Features, 2008. R. 128 minutes.

verything about Harvey Milk was big, from his saucer-shaped ears to his ebullient personality, which tended toward the clownish and theatrical Born on Long Island, he transplanted in 1972 to San Francisco where, as a gay man. he enjoyed a mixed reception. It was a time of innocence and alienation: A gay man might own a camera shop, as Milk did, but gays were routinely subject to entrapment by police and, if convicted, forced to register as sex offenders. A political career for Milk would have seemed preposterous. even hazardous, but in 1977, after failing three times, Harvey Milk — the selfdescribed "Mayor of Castro Street" — was elected to the city Board of Supervisors. He was the first openly gay elected official in the U.S.

Then the apple dropped in Eden. Milk's political career lasted a mere 11 months before, along with Mayor George Moscone, he was assassinated by fellow Supervisor Dan White In development by director Gus Van Sant for 15 years, Milk is a triumph of political history and a searing period biopic. It easily is Van Sant's best film since Good Will Hunting, driven largely by Sean Penn's portrayal of Milk as a beaming, effervescent extrovert. (Penn hasn't smiled this much since Fast Times at Ridgemont High.) What you don't see in Milk is how few people took Milk seriously or, more significantly, how many wished he would go away. Early on, the film lacks a sense of adversity; it pours too easily, as it were, but nothing spills. Confined to its cozy twin havens of the camera shop and Harvey's apartment, Milk has a slightly trapped and sluggish feel. What it needs, in short, is a villain. To its great credit, Milk provides not one, but two.

At the time of Milk's death, the repeal of gay rights measures was rampant. The nation was swept by a wave of legislative bigotry from which, sadly, even Eugene didn't escape. Cresting that wave was Anita Bryant, a former orange juice spokesperson who crusaded for "family values" and who, with her bland good looks and moral superiority, bears a chilling resemblance to a recent candidate for vice president. But the Iago to Milk's Othello will always be Dan White a conservative who initially befriended Milk but increasingly felt the other supervisors were marginalizing him. Josh Brolin plays the milquetoast-turnedmurderer Dan White — the only other significant role in Milk — as a slowly imploding fallen angel. It's another complex performance from Brolin, who two years ago made movies nobody watched. Now, he should be considered among the best American male actors working today, a rise for which the term "meteoric" doesn't go far enough.

The cinematography in Milk is revelatory. The sunlight itself seems rescued from the 1970s. For everything he accomplished with the period feel of Zodiac, cinematographer Harris Savides exceeds himself here, softening every frame to better blend with vintage photographs and video. It works to perfection, as does the score by Danny Elfman, who like Savides should be nominated for an Academy Award. Nowhere do these elements find more perfect expression than during the candlelight march the night Milk was murdered, a massive expression of grief whose eloquence Van Sant captures to virtuosic effect.

It should be said that the success of Milk is due in part to The Times of Harvey Milk, the Oscar-winning documentary that Van Sant uses as a template. (If you want more Milk, rent the doc.) But Milk exceeds its source material. If screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, so as not to dilute his message, neglects to mention the other historic board supervisors — including its first elected Chinese and first female African-American members, all presided over by Diane Feinstein — then so be it. And if Ronald Reagan doesn't get the credit he deserves for, even more than Jimmy Carter, turning the tide against Proposition 6 — again, so be it. I say this because Black gets so much right. With a few short strokes, Milk evokes the spirit of Mayor George Moscone, a man of great decency and wisdom who so often goes unremarked. It was Moscone, not Milk, who was White's primary target. Both men knew the peril of public office, and both deserve the fitting tribute that is *Milk*. **CW**

Milk opens Friday, Dec. 12, at the Bijou.

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OPENING OR RETURNING

Boy in the Striped Pajamas, The: When his family is transferred from Berlin to the country, Bruno (Asa Butterfield) is confused about everything, especially the nearby "farm" at which his father works. A friendship formed through the farm's fence leads, inevitably, to tragedy. PG13. 94 min. VRC Stadium 15.

Christmas Tale, A: A complicated story of family Strife at the holidays, this film stars Catherine Deneuve as Junon, the matriarch of a squabbling family that includes her estranged son (Mathieu Almaric), whose bone marrow donation could save Junon's life. But this is no mushy Hollywood tale; New York magazine says it's "a bad dream with just enough distance to give us a midwinter's Not rated. 152 min. Bijou.

Day the Earth Stood Still, The: Keanu Reeves stars as an alien whose arrival on earth seems like pretty bad news for humanity. Cool effects! Jennifer Connelly! High hopes! And a pretty cool preview, too. PG13. 92 min. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Delgo: Prejudice divides a fantasy land, and the friendship of two teens (Freddie Prinze, Jr. and Jennifer Love Hewitt – what year is it again?), one from each people, seems to lead to more strife instead of peace. Interesting voice talent, but this animated flick sounds a little heavy-handed and familiar. PG. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

familiar. PG. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15. **Eagle Eye:** Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan are strangers thrown together by the instruction-filled phone calls of a woman who tells them to do all sorts of crazy, dangerous things. What the hell is going on? Will anybody care? Directed by D.J. Caruso (*Disturbia*). PG13. Movies 12. **Filth and Wisdom:** Madonna's directorial debut follows three London roommates – a musician (Eugene Hutz of Gogol Bordello, with his real-life band), a ballerina (Holly Weston) and a do-gooder (Vicky Mclure) – whose dreams don't exactly line up with their actual jobs. Not rated. 81 min. Bijou

up with their actual jobs. Not rated. 81 min. Bijou LateNite.

Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. **Thompson**: Director Alex Gibney, who won an Oscar for the harrowing *Taxi to the Dark Side*, takes on the story of the famous gonzo journalist via interviews with friends and collaborators, explorations of lesser-known parts of Thompson's story, and the occasional reenactment. A definitive portrait and fascinating film. R. 118 min. David Minor Theater. $\bigstar \star \star \star \dot{\chi}$ (7/17) **Milk**: Gus Van Sant's biopic about Harvey Milk

(Sean Penn), the country's first openly gay elected official, is earning glowing reviews; "Milk is a marvel," says The New York Times, while The Village Voice says, "Milk is so immediate that it's impossible to separate the movie's moment from this one." With Josh Brolin, James Franco and Diego Luna. R. 128 min. Bijou. **See review this**

Nothing Like the Holidays: John Leguizamo and Freddy Rodriguez play brothers whose trip home for the holidays is fraught with family drama. With Elizabeth Peña, Alfred Molina and Debra Messing. PG13. Cinemark. VRC Stadium 15.

Quarantine: A young reporter and her cameraman assigned to spend the night with a fire patrol find themselves locked inside an L.A. building from which there is no escape: the CDC wants to control a "strain of rabies" contracted by someone in the building. Mmm hmm. Vampire rabies? R. Movies 12. RocknRolla: The latest from Guy Ritchie is a

complicated gangster yarn in which two crooks (Idris Elba and Gerard Butler) steal some money from a Russian property dealer and a London crime boss. I think. With Thandie Newton and Mark Strong. R. 114 min. Movies 12.



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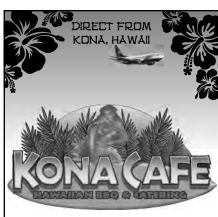


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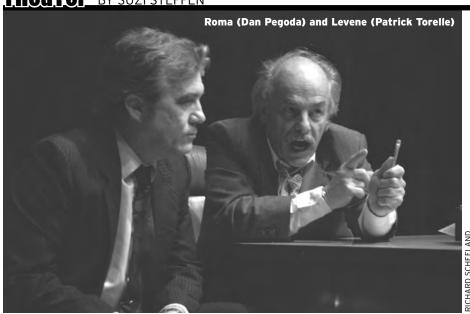
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Mercy Is Strained, and Broken

Selling condos and souls at the VLT

s of the day this paper comes out, Glengarry Glen Ross has four more performances in a room that seats, at a squish, 75. If you like your theater full of energy, conflict, tension and irony, you should call right now and get

one of those seats. With David Mamet's scorching script, director Chris McVay's passion for the piece and a collection of Eugene's strongest actors, *Glengarry* is a triumph for the VLT.

The VLT warns people that the play is

profane. True, and it's one of most alive scripts out there, crackling with rage and bitterness and a special kind of office-driven testosterone. Yes, the entire cast is male. If you missed the movie and you've never seen the play, let me say that the bile, hatred, racism and sexism that spew from the mouths of the men in this play serve a purpose.

They're scummy, almost middle-class, forever on the edge white guys who live like scurrying rodents when they're not selling and like kings of a tiny, squalid country when they close a deal. The pressure on them makes them subhuman. Dave Ross (a strong Chris Pinto) desperately wants out from under the heel of demands from the larger corporate office because he's always in second place. Office manager John Williamson (Mike Petersen, a bit of a weak link in this cast) tries to manipulate the sellers and doesn't always understand the game but has a fierce protective instinct that serves him well

The blackboard in the office instructs the men, "Always Be Closing." Richard Roma (Dan Pegoda) has dedicated himself to the work of relentless selling and thus stays atop the leaderboard. Pegoda usually plays complex characters with seeming ease, and he works Roma's angles with the skill of a consummate seller — after all.

what else is an actor?

In the first act, there's a superb scene of Roma zeroing in on a mark, the shy James Lingk (Mike Hawkins, whose restraint here serves him as well as his explosive anger in the recent Cottage Theatre production of A Streetcar Named Desire). That scene finds a second-act balance in the terrific moments Roma spends with his washed-up mentor. Shelley Levene (Patrick Torelle). Torelle's propulsive performance brands the horror, humor and pity of his character in searing relief, and Torelle received well-deserved shouts and cheers at curtain call opening night. As the play climaxes, an unbearably tense dance among the characters played by Pegoda, Torelle and Hawkins culminates in a quiet explosion that drains the characters of hope — and eventually leads to a larger downfall.

Characters can become caricatures, especially when friends of actors come to the show, laugh outrageously and whisper things like, "Look what he's doing!" I plead with those people to (to reflect the play) shut the fuck up and respect the rest of the audience and the actors working so hard to deliver this profanely beautiful holiday gift of a play.

Glengarry Glen Ross runs through Dec. 14 at the VLT's Stage Left. Tix at 344-7751.

Amid the Horrors, Humanity

Christmas Truce brings peace

he Christmas Truce is not average Actors Cabaret of Eugene fare. A small-cast drama with simple costumes produced in the ACE Annex, Truce is a brief play about the power of friendship in the face of war. The work, elegantly written by local author Gregory Foote (SWM, Road's End), is a refreshing alternative to the razzle-dazzle holiday fare generally offered at this time of year.

The story may be familiar to you: In 1914, British and German soldiers on the Western Front stopped fighting in order to celebrate the holiday together. Foote spares no detail in a quest for historic accuracy. Characters carefully discuss the politics of WWI: the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the family trees of European monarchy, the British propaganda machine, everything. Grandma even dies of the Spanish influenza. *Truce* is an extremely effective history lesson, but it's more than that.

Each of the characters clearly reflects a larger theme such as government innocence or England herself. This makes for a wonderful microcosm of the war. Most of the actors portray their characters with a near reverential respect for the intentions of the author. Colin Gray is strong as the play's protagonist, thoughtful British

solider David. He and sage Karl (Nick Forrest) have excellent chemistry as two enemies with much to share. There is a particularly lovely moment where Karl sings "Silent Night." And I should note that Cody Mendonca stepped into rehearsals two days before opening yet still produces a lovable character in young Harry.

Production-wise, the play could use a once-over. The costumes need a dose of mud and real barbed wire, or at least something that could be mistaken for it. The professional recording of "O Tanenbaum" sounds nothing like a trenchful of homesick Germans singing their favorite carols. Some accents are shaky. Nice moments, such as a Christmas Day burial of a British solider, echoes offstage with the same ceremony in German, proving that Foote's vision, given time and energy, could still develop.

The play ends abruptly and too nicely. If Foote allowed the characters to suffer more, their joy would be more poignant. He takes WWI and sets all its humanity before us, yet he wrings out much of the horror. Though it makes for a beautiful production, I regret that he chooses to portray only the innocence of a pick-up soccer match and not trench foot. massive rats or shellshock.

The play, like WWI itself, is a sad goodbye to the golden



David (Colin Gray) and Karl (Nick Forrest)

age of Europe. The Christmas truce was a moment of sanity in a world lost to greed and violence. Given that, Foote's lovely play is a timely reminder of the power of human connection in an age of chaos. – *Anna Grace*

The Christmas Truce continues through Dec. 14 at the ACE Annex. Tix at 683-4368 or www.actorscabaret.org





Musical Permutations

Improvisation from new faces and familar ones

ver the years, the UO music school has been a wellspring for Eugene music. The school's concerts and faculty and student musicians supply a high percentage of the most stimulating music in town, whether on campus or in the clubs and concert halls. The best students usually move on to bigger ponds; Portland teems with terrific players and composers whose careers were ignited at the UO, and many of the school's alumni are making great music in New York, San Francisco and beyond. Some do stick around or return to Eugene for the usual reasons: nice place to raise kids, the UO's various cultural offerings,

"world's greatest city for arts and outdoors," etc.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Downtown Initiative for the Visual Arts, two of the brightest lights to emerge from the school in recent years are collaborating on what looks to be a fascinating project called Any Permutation. Flutist/ composer Daniel Heila, whose background ranges from garage rock/post-punk bands to experimental postclassical music, co-founded one of the most admirable student-initiated projects at the UO in the 1990s, the 100th Monkey ensemble, which for years produced some of the most exciting new music in Oregon. He's since moved into free improv and atmospheric sound and video art. Composer/trumpeter Douglas Detrick, now completing his master's degree, has been a star at the music school in the '00s, where he's led exceptional jazz-oriented bands playing his original tunes and arrangements and is beginning to integrate jazz and classical instrumentation. Guitarist Bill Marsh may be the next new UO jazz star having already garnered a slew of awards. The trio has found common ground in the high-wire world of free improv, which combines jazz and non-jazz improvisational elements, acoustic and electric sounds and Heila's



evocative video magic. It should be a fascinating combination.

A master of an older improvising tradition returns to the Shedd on Dec. 12. when sublime clarinetist Ken Peplowski performs his sixth annual winter concert with veteran jazz pianist Bill Mays. Peplowski has worked in Benny Goodman's band, Dixieland ensembles and with trad jazzers and old-time pop singers from Rosemary Clooney to George Shearing to Mel Torme, and leads a New York ensemble. He also plays tenor sax and succeeded his colleague Dick Hyman as director of the Oregon Festival of American Music jazz program. Mays has played with Sarah Vaughan, Gerry Mulligan, Al Jarreau, Art Pepper and many other jazz legends and is a fine solo pianist. The two have recorded many albums separately, and they'll combine their sympathetic musical esthetics, with help from drummer Gary Hobbs and bassist Chuck Deardorf, in jazz versions of the songs of the supreme American composer Jerome Kern, who wrote the tunes for the landmark 1936 musical Showboat, various Hollywood classics, and immortal tunes such as "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "All the Things You Are," "The Way You Look Tonight" and dozens more.





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More PDX Freshness

Portland hip hop is on the up and up, and while the Lifesavas continue to reign supreme, there are a few MCs who'd like those dudes to scoot over and share the limelight. This dual-CD release party features two of those: Mic Crenshaw, a staple of Northwest hip hop whose resume includes membership in Suckapunch, Cleveland Steamers and Hungry Mob, and Serge Severe, whose first album, Walk In My Shoes, made Hiphoplinguistics.com's Top Ten Underground Hip Hop Albums of 2006. But it's probably Mic Crenshaw who's closest to a breakthrough. He's the kind of political rapper who spits like a less abrasive (but no less furious) Immortal Technique, and this, his first release, Thinking Out Loud, contains the kind of sophisticated rhymes you'd expect from a guy who's won poetry slams in Portland and gone on to make the national finals. It also features some impressive guests, among them Nightclubber Lang of Boom Bap Project and Stic.Man of Dead Prez. What Serge Severe and Mic Crenshaw share, however, is a commitment to hip hop's roots, though it's Crenshaw's more experimental approach that might bring all that Internet buzz

to a boiling point. Serge Severe, Mic Crenshaw, Animal Farm and Endr One perform at 9 pm Friday, Dec. 12, at John Henry's. 21+. Free. - Sara Brickner

Causing a Commotion

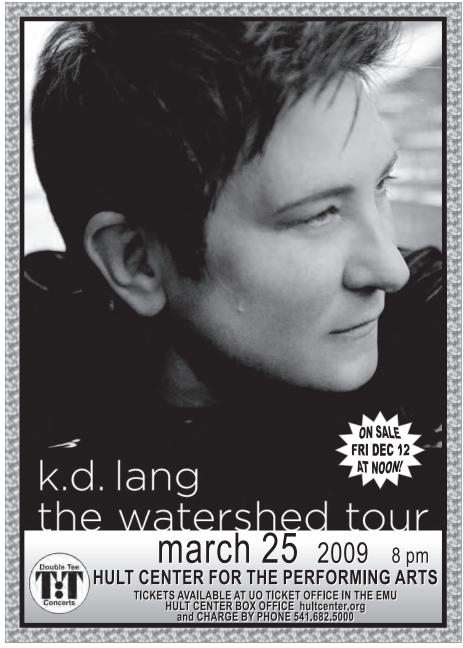
Recent UO grad Ben Darwish created a stir in 2007 with his jazz trio's debut release, Industrial Hero. The pianist and composer mixed tantalizing keys with dizzving rhythms and funky soundscapes to take listeners on a lively, melodic journey

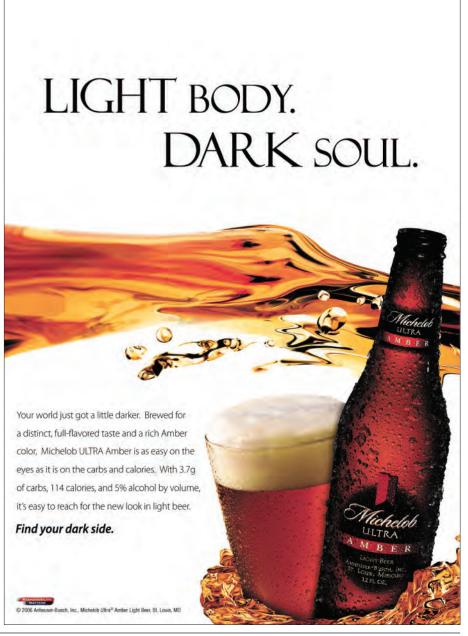
that featured nods to Christina Aguilera and the London Underground. Now he's fronting the band **Commotion**, and they're doing everything they can to ensure their name is a fitting one.

Embracing a sound that is part funk and part jazz, this quartet has an eclectic style that encompasses everything from '70s-era grooves to hypnotic samples (check out the epic jam "Bomb Shelter"). The music is sedate one minute, hyperactive the next. You never quite know what to expect. And while Darwish went entirely instrumental on *Hero*, both he and Commotion's bassist, Sam Howard, now occasionally try their hand at singing – an added dimension which makes for nice variety.

The songs on the band's MySpace page, along with YouTube videos of them in action, show the verve and enthusiasm these guys have. They know how to have a good time live and want to help you do the same. Do yourself a favor and let them entertain you. Commotion plays at 9 pm Friday Dec. 12, at the Downtown Lounge. 21+. \$5. - Brian Palmer







Don't Get Mad, Get Gladhander

After Mitchell Chamberlain moved from Eugene to Seattle in 1997, he worked with Krist Novoselic and JAMPAC to overturn Seattle's restrictive laws against all-ages concerts. Chamberlain returned to Eugene in 2005 and formed **Gladhander**, which overcame personnel changes and a fire that destroyed the band's jam shed before signing to indie Hollywood label DeMille Productions in 2007. They've just finished their first recording, *One Against Three*.

Chamberlain's devotion to Seattle grunge is potent. He's a "huge" Alice in Chains fan and worked with the late singer Layne Staley's mother on yearly tribute concerts. Unlike AiC, however, self-destruction and drug abuse don't seem to be Gladhander's main themes, though there's no shortage of lyrical riffs on desolation.

In "Blind," a catchy hook fills in space

around such lines as "I can't see when I am blind / Feeling like this most of the time with you." "Space" streams forth with a surprisingly agile bass line that wraps through a spare guitar accompaniment. The whole album moves along like machinery, and with a full bouquet of minor keys, restrained-but-gritty vocals and melodies they keep on a tight leash, it's clear that AiC is Gladhander's main muse.

In January the band will travel to L.A. to record a video for one of the songs on their new album, and the label is exploring some unique street-level promotions to get out the good word on Gladhander. Meanwhile, all three band members are busy at home, having each had a baby girl born within the past year. Gladhander celebrates the release of *One Against Three* with First Sleep and Like Breathing at 10 pm Friday, Dec. 12, at the Black Forest. 21+. Free.

- Vanessa Salvia





THURSDAY DEC. 11

AXE & FIDDLE Jake Payne & Dixie Creek-8;

THE CITY DJ Redd Fox-10; Top 40, soul, funk, reggae, n/c

COUNTRYSIDE Specter-9: n/c COZMIC PIZZA Green is for Go-7; Rock, bluegrass, comedy, \$2

DAVIS' Brimstone Sounds-10; Hip hop, reggae, \$3

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Scottie One & James Green funk/reggae jam-10; n/c

GOODFELLAS Johnny Wilde Band-9:30; n/c JO FEDERIGO'S Gerry Rempel & friends-9; Jazz iam, n/c

JOGGER'S DJ Tino-10; Hip hop, R&B,

JOHN HENRY'S 80s Night w/Chris, Dr. Ake & John-10; n/c

LUCKEY'S London Flush-10; Yardbirds trib-

MAC'S AT THE VET'S CLUB Singalong w/ OVERTIME TAVERN West Side Blues Jam-8:

PAPA'S SOUL FOOD KITCHEN Eric

SAMURAI DUCK Champion-9 SPIRITS Cheap Truck-9, Classic rock, n/c TERRITORIAL WINERY Jackie & Jason-7;

WOW HALL The Grouch, Eligh, The Bayliens, Paul Dateh, DJ Fresh, Marv Ellis-9; Hip hop, \$16

FRIDAY DEC. 12

THE ASTORIA Half Shark Half Jesus, The Underlings-9; \$5

AXE & FIDDLE Mike Fekete-6; Guitar. Adam Rubino & Grace Shumway-8:30; Acoustic,

BEANERY ON 5TH Two-Part Variations-7 THE CITY DJ Simy-10; Top 40, hip hop, blues, \$2-\$5

CLUB SNAFU Casey Mitchell, John Streider, 800 Pound Gorilla-10; House, techno, nu-

COUNTRYSIDE Taylor's Crossing-9: \$5 DIABLO'S DJ Supa J-10; \$5

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Commotion w/Ben

Darwish-10: \$5 EUGENE CITY BREWERY Mr. Bill's Trivia

Show-8: n/c

HAPPY HOURS The Alliance Party Band-9;

INDIGO DISTRICT DJ Billy-10; Top 40, hip hop dance \$5 (n/c stu.)

JAZZ STATION Barbara Dzuro Quartet–8; JO FEDERIGO'S Tyler Spencer & friends-9;

JOGGER'S Club Motion w/DJ Ty-9:30; Hip

hop, R&B & more KOHO/AZUL Olem Alves & Mike Hanns-8;

LATITUDE 21 DJ Judah-10: Reggae, dance

LAVELLES Gus Russell-5:30: Jazz/blues

THE LOFT AT TURTLES Mood Area 52-8; Old-time, tango, n/c LUCKEY'S Santino Cadiz, Taste-10; Rock,

reggae, funk, \$5

MAC'S AT THE VET'S CLUB RMS McConnell Holiday Rock Reunion-9:30: \$5 MCSHANE'S Basin & Range, Senator

Fightmaster-9:30: Rock, funk, \$4 OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Unkle Nancy & The Family Jewels Gypsy Xmas Show-9;

PEABODY'S Dan Henson-9; 70s/80s/90s,

ROCK 'N' RODEO DJ Diamond G & Rob Revnolds-9: \$3

SAM BOND'S The Family Feud w/Tom Heinl-9:30: Variety show SAMURAI DUCK Only Nightmares, The Athiarchists, Scrapyard Swag-9

SPIRITS Greg Glass Project-9; Rock, n/c SUPREME BEAN Gordon Kaswell–6; Folk, hlues jazz n/c

TINY TAVERN Christie & McCallum-9; Honky-tonk rock n/c

VET'S CLUB BALLROOM DJ Jose Cruz-10;

WILLAMETTE ST. BAR & GRILL Kenny Reed Stoned Cold Jazz-6; n/c WORLD FLAVORS Just Say Yes-9; Jam

WOW HALL Fall of Troy, The #12 Looks Like You, Warship, The Black Houses-8; Rock,

YUKON JACK'S The Survivors-9; Classic

SATURDAY DEC. 13

Rainev-9: \$5

BEL AMI Inner Limits-8:30; Jazz, funk, n/c THE CITY DJ Redd Fox-10; Top 40, hip hop,

CLUB SNAFU The Audio Schizophrenic-9; Electro-mash, \$3

COUNTRYSIDE Taylor's Crossing-9: \$5 COZMIC PIZZA Night Flight-8; Rock, jam band, n/c

DIABLO'S DJ Supa J-10; \$5 DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Hot Flash Dance-5:30; \$5. Acorn Project-10; \$5 DIVA Any Permutation-8; Improv, \$5 GOODFELLA'S Broken Cell, Hyding Jekyll, Drixhen, Face of Order-9:30;

Alt-metal, n/c HAPPY HOURS The Vicki Stevens Band-9: Rock, R&B.

INDIGO DISTRICT DJ Food Stamp-10; Party hip hop, club, \$2 (n/c stu.)

JAZZ STATION Swing Express-7; Xmas músic, \$5 JO FEDERIGO'S Steve Larson

JOGGER'S Club Motion w/VJ Ty-9:30; Hip hop, R&B & more JOHN HENRY'S DJ Rain & DJ J-Ray-10; Classic dance, funk, disco, hip hop, n/c LATITUDE 21 Brimstone Sounds-10; Top 40, hip hop, reggaeton, dancehall, \$3

L**AVELLES** Debra Mathis-5:30; Jazz/holiday piano, n/c

THE LOFT AT TURTLES Jesse Meade, Sam

THE LORAX MANNER French Miami, Boy

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Skinny–7:30; Psychedelic, dub, big beat,

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SAMURAI DUCK Butt City, Pirate Radio,

SPIRITS Greg Glass Project-9; Rock, n/c

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TAYLOR'S DJ Simy-10; Hip hop

Hahn-8; Acoustic blues, n/c

Richardson-7; Jazz, blues, n/c

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Joggers (9) Macho's Pizza (7) Mohawk Tavern (8) The O Bar (9) Taylor's (10)

WEDNESDAY The City (9) Mohawk Tavern (9)

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Axe & Fiddle (7)

The Cooler (9:30)

Driftwood Bar (9)

Duck Inn (9)

Earl's Juke Joint (7)

Happy Hours (8:30)

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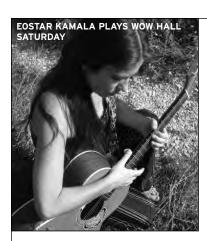
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YUKON JACK'S The Survivors-9; Classic rock,

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SAMURAI DUCK Overflow-9; Hip hop VILLARD ST. PUB Bingo-7: \$1 WOW HALL The Lost Dogs-7; Americana,

MONDAY DEC. 15

THE ASTORIA Open Mic-9; n/c DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Bingo-8; n/c EARL'S JUKE JOINT Jam w/Paul Biondi-7; n/c SAM BOND'S Bingo-9: n/c SAMURAI DUCK Cinder Circus-10; Fire danc-

VILLARD ST. PUB Pub Trivia-8

TUESDAY DEC. 16

AXE & FIDDLE Poetry Night-7:30; n/c BLACK FOREST Rooster Blues Jam-7:30; n/c THE CITY DJ Redd Fox-10; Top 40, hip hop,

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Onen Mic-8: n/c INDIGO DISTRICT DJ Food Stamp-10; Hip hop, funk. soul. \$2 (n/c stu.)

JAZZ STATION Spirit of Jazz Jam-8; \$5 LUCKEY'S Jesse Meade. Brian McCosky-10: Acoustic blues. \$2

MACENZI'S TOO Bingo-7

MAX'S e. geek's Knowledge Knights-7:30; n/c MCSHANE'S Tricycle Races-9; n/c OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Crusty Bastard-9; Jazz,

PEABODY'S Patrick & Giri-7:30: Acoustic rock.

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WEDNESDAY DEC. 17

AGATE ALLEY BISTRO Barbara Healy & Gus Russell-8; Acoustic, n/c

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DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Jaw Knee Now-6:30. Downtown Blues Band-8; n/c

EARL'S JUKE JOINT Acoustic/electric Jam-7:

EUGENE CITY BREWERY Bingo-7:30; n/c GOODFELLA'S Mr. Wizard-9:30; n/c INDIGO DISTRICT DJ Billy's '90s Night-10; Hip

hop, R&B, rock, dance, \$2 JO FEDERIGO'S Last Drags-9; \$3

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LUCKEY'S Tyler Fortier, Biagio, Cambio-10; Indie-rock, \$3

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MAX'S Lonesome Randall–7; Rock history, n/c MAC'S AT THE VET'S CLUB Rainy Day Blues

Society-6:30 MULLIGAN'S Open mic-8:30; n/c OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Children of Discord-9; DJ dance, n/c

PAPA'S SOUL FOOD KITCHEN Delta Blues Jam-9:30: n/c

PEABODY'S John Powell-8; n/c QUACKERS Open mic blues jam-8:30, \$2 SAM BOND'S John Prine Sing-along-9; \$4 TAYLOR'S DJ Simy-10; Jazzy house, hip hop,

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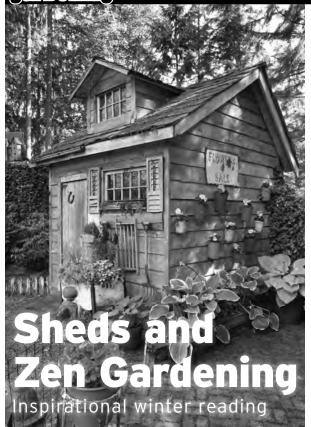


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am not usually attracted to literature from the overtly spiritual side of gardening, but Wendy Johnson's down-to-earth attitude and beautiful, vigorous writing style completely won me over. *Gardening at the Dragon's Gate: At Work in the Wild and Cultivated World* is an extraordinary interweaving of philosophy, storytelling and first-hand garden wisdom — a rich, wide-ranging memoir stretching over more than three decades of an admirable life spent working hard and sitting *zazen*.

Johnson is a lay teacher of Zen meditation. She is also a gardener and activist, a fierce defender of the natural world. "The monastic path is not my way," she writes, and

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she followed an unconventional path even within the Zen community in Marin County that became her home and workplace. "From the first moment, Zen practice was a field of action for me, never a safe haven from the world." Her view of gardening is very much the same.

Johnson's first and apparently skeptical encounter with meditation occurred in the early 1970s, when she was a young American expatriot living in Israel. The war in Vietnam raged on, and like many people of that age and time she was unhappy, restless and adrift. Meditation offered a lifeline. When she returned to America, she went first to Tassajara Zen Mountain Center and later, with the man who was to become her husband, to another branch of the San Francisco Zen Center, Green Gulch Farm, where they helped to establish a productive organic garden.

Throughout the book, Johnson quotes her Zen "lead teachers" and some great, eccentric gardening mentors who helped to shape her. On the practical side, Johnson is her own gardener and a passionate advocate for deep digging, hand watering and persevering with native soil rather than that "soul-free" stuff you buy. (How right she is!) She is terrific on soil management, composting and pests, and conflicts between Buddhism and the exigencies of gardening are wryly noted. Later chapters tell of other gardens, hunger and harvest and the importance of real food.

In the East, the dragon represents wisdom and transformation. Another name for Green Gulch Farm is Green

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Dragon Temple, and the author describes Green Gulch itself as a dragon writhing up out of the sea. The dragon's gate of the title might be simply a metaphor for the threshold between that garden and the wild world beyond. At the end of the Acknowledgements, however, Johnson brings up global warming. "My fiercest mentors remind me that

this is the best and worst time to be alive. Gardening at the dragon's gate, at the edge of consequential danger and pivotal opportunity, may we acknowledge the truth of our times and work together for the benefit of all beings."

Gardening at the Dragon's Gate by Wendy Johnson is published in paperback by Bantam Books, with drawings by Davis Te Selle.

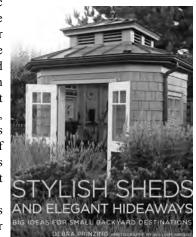
Need a special place to meditate? Another West Coast writer, Debra Prinzing, has published a lovely book titled *Stylish Sheds and Elegant Hideaways*. It is a series of studies, in text and photographs, of various interpretations of the garden shed idea. Not all their owners and designers call them sheds, of course: There are pavilions, tea houses, pods and even a chapel. Most are highly functional for their intended job, while a few are pure whimsy.

Some are fancy potting sheds; others are studios

for writers and painters, playhouses, repositories for collections of objects, private meditation zones, or spaces for entertaining. All are stylish in one way or another, from cute to futuristic. Some are very grand, way beyond the means of most of us, but presented in all their variety, they are an inspiration. Needless to say, the gardens that contain these structures are as different in style as the sheds and their owners, and vignettes of flowers, animals, kids and artifacts increase the pleasure. I challenge you to look at this book without coming up with a few ideas to enhance your outdoor space.

Stylish Sheds by Debra Prinzing is published in hardback by Potter and is lavishly illustrated with excellent photography by William Wright.

Rachel Foster of Eugene is a garden writer and consultant. She can be reached at rfoster@efn.org



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appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above-entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this summons, and in case of your
failure to appear and answer, Plaintiff, for
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court for the relief prayed for in its complaint,
to wit: FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: On its First
Claim for Relief for judgment on a claim of Claim for Relief, for judgment on a claim of breach of contract in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants in the sum of \$14,118.70, together with the sum of \$347.49, which reptogether with the sum of \$347.49, which represents unpaid contractual interest and late charges through and including August 21, 2008, together with interest on the principal sum of \$14,118.70 at the rate of 5.95% per annum from August 22, 2008, until the date of entry of judgment; plus Plaintiff's reasonable atturney fees and costs incurred in this attorney fees and costs incurred in this action; and interest on the total of the above amounts at the rate of 9.00% per annum from the date judgment is entered, until paid. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF: On its Second SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF: On its Second Claim for Relief, for judgment on a claim of breach of contract in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants in the sum of \$4,932.88, together with the sum of \$241.57, which represents unpaid contractual interest and late charges through and including August 21, 2008, together with interest on the principal sum of \$4,932.88 at the rate of 8% per annum from August 22, 2008, until notice of entry of from August 22, 2008, until notice of entry of judgment; plus Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in this action; and interest on the total of the above amounts at the rate of 9.00% per annum from the date judament is entered until paid NOTICE TO JUDGMENT IS ENTERED, UNTILE 10 DEFENDANT READ THESE PAPERS CARE-FULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the Court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer." Or "answer." The "motion" or "answer." The "mot or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within thirty (30) days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff's attorney or, if the Plaintiff does not Plaintiff's attorney or, if the Plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the Plaintiff. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. THIS SUMMONS is unblished by the order of Jane County Circuit published by the order of Lane County Circuit

Court Judge Gregory G. Foote made on November 24, 2008, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Lane County, Oregon.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date of first publication: November 26, 2008. Date of last publication: December 18, 2008. Patrick I. publication: December 18, 2008. Patrick L. Stevens, OSB 98001, Hutchinson Cox Coons DuPriest Orr & Sherlock, PC, 777 High Street, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401. (541) 686-9160

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of LOUIS D. KNORI, Deceased. Case No. 50-08-25680 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Andrew David Knori has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them. with youchers attached, to the them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publicafour months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyer for the Personal Representative, 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene OR 97401. Dated and first published on the 11th day of December, 2008. DePAOLIS & SHEP-ARD By Diane M. DePaolis - OSB #7619 Of Attorneys for Personal Representative. FAX sonal Representative, FAX # (541)302-1770. E-MAIL: ddepaolis@continet.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of IDELLA JOYCE DELL, Deceased. Case No. 50-08-26661. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS 0826661. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diana Coburn
has been appointed personal representative
of the above estate. All persons having claims
against the estate are required to present
them, with vouchers attached, to the personall representatives in care of the personal representatives, attorney, John F. Kioran at 975 resentative's attorney, John F. Kieran, at 975 Oak Street, Suite 625, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published December 11, 2008.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jean Mentze has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Jeffrey Mentzer, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case 50-08-26874. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with prope vouchers, within four months after the date vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 401 East 10th Avenue, Suite 230, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court the personal representations. records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: December 11, 2008. Jean Mentzer, P.O. Box 252, Cheshire, OR 97419. Tami S.P. Beach, 401 East 10th Avenue, Suite 230, Eugene, OR 97401.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE/Mary Belle Mather. Law Office of Emily B. Kile, P.C., 5010 East Shea Blvd., Suite D200, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254, 480-348-1590, KILE #1018819, Attorney For Petitioner In The Superior Court of The State Of Arizona In And For The County Of Maricopa In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Belle Mather, Deceased. NO. PB 2008-051006 Notice Of Informal Probate Of Will And Notice Of Informal Probate Of Will And Appointment Of Personal Representative You Are Hereby Notified that: 1. This Notice is being sent to those persons who have, or may have, some interest in the Estate of Decedent. 2. Decedent died on November 17, 2008. 3. Linda Elaine Pollard Atwood filed an 2008. 3. Linda Llaine Pollard Atwood filed an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative in the above-named Court, requesting that the Will of Decedent executed on April 18, 1989 be admitted to informal probate and the best blief Chiefo Polland Atward to the Court of the the Court of the Court of the Court of the Court of the the Court of the the Court of the the Court of the the Court of the the the Court of the that Linda Elaine Pollard Atwood be appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Decedent. 4. On November 24, 2008, the Registrar admitted the Will to 2008, the Registrar admitted the Will to informal probate and appointed Linda Elaine Pollard Atwood as Personal Representative of the Estate. 5. Bond is not required. 6. A copy of the Will is attached to this notice for you. An heir of Decedent wishing to contest the probate has four (4) months from the receipt of this Notice to commence a formal testacy proceeding. 7. Papers relation to the Estate are on file with Papers relating to the Estate are on file with the Court and are available for your inspec-tion. Dated: November 21, 2008. Law Office Of Emily B., Kile, P.C. /s/ Emily B. Kile, 5010 East Shea Blvd., Suite D200, Scottsdale, AZ 85254, Attorney for Personal Representative. Date of first publication: December 4, 2008. Date of last publication: December 18, 2008.

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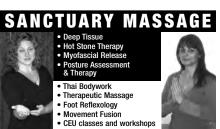
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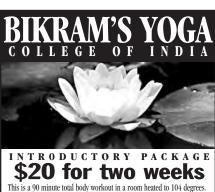


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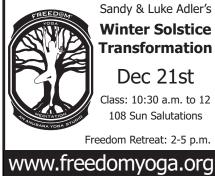
















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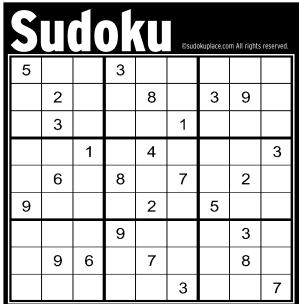
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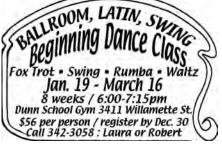
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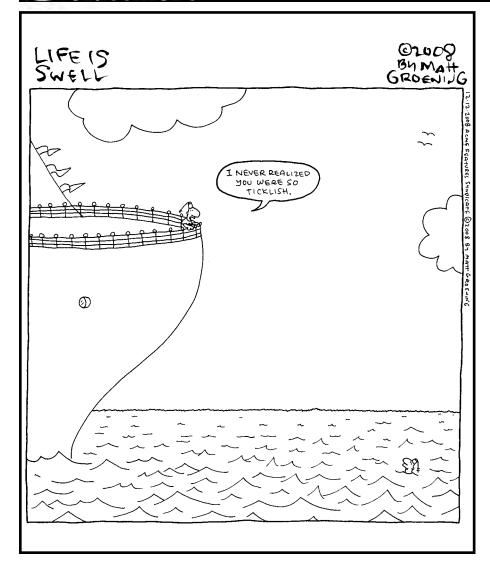
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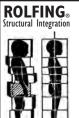






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BY GUSTAVO ARELLANO

Dear Mexican: Many times, as I cross the border into the U.S., I see bald cholos buy ina imaaes (posters, blankets, haby hihs) of Al Pacino in Scarface. Where does such an obsession for this ugly

Cuban come from? Is Tony Montana replacing la Virgencita de Guadalupe in cholos' living rooms across America? - Proud to be an Illegal Alien

Dear Wab: Author Ken Tucker recently published Scarface Nation: The Ultimate Gangster Movie and How It Changed America, but save some money and refry this: The basis for the popularity of Tony Montana is the same reason Bonnie & Clyde became folk heroes during the Great Depression, *la misma razón porque* Dubya was reelected in 2004 and George Armstrong Custer was so popular — America loves its up-from-stupidity outlaws. Cholos, on the other hand, love Montana for the obvious reason: por pendejos. I get the socioeconomic rationale for Montana's defication in thug culture — his rise from poverty through riches via machismo, guile and the white *chica* — but Mexicans who worship him insult our culture for falling under the spell of a *coño*. Whatever happened to the days when the killers Mexicans lionized — Emiliano Žapata, Pancho Villa, Gregorio Cortez — slaughtered for the 'hood that was la raza? Not only that, but the celebration of drug kingpins in Mexico? (Answer redacted by the Mexican's editor because he doesn't want his prize wab to turn up in a ditch)!

I'm Hispanic, not Mexican, and I hate it when people confuse me for one. I don't like the stupid music you like, I don't give a fuck about the stupid Virgin of Guadalupe, I don't speak with the stupid accent, I don't even look like an Indian. Why should all Hispanics be confused with these stu-pid, ignorant people? - One High-Spanic

Dear Wab: Because that's your best shot to join our Reconquista

I was talking to my uncle a few weeks ago, and he mentioned something to the effect that, as part of the original postwar agreement between the United States and Mexico after their 1848 war, that Mexican citizens were originally supposed to be able to go back and forth as they pleased. I know that the original draft was changed. Unfortunately, I don't have the time to do further research. If it's true, I guess them Mexican illegals aren't illegal – they're simply exercising the terms of the postwar agreement. - El Niño Héroe

Dear Heroic Child: Your uncle was partially right. Article IX of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo originally stated that "the relations and communication between the Catholics living in the territories [conquered by the United States during the Mexican-American War], and their respective ecclesiastical authorities, shall be open, free and exempt from all hindrance whatever, even although such authorities should reside within the limits of the Mexican Republic, as defined by this treaty; and this freedom shall continue, so long as a new demarca-tion of ecclesiastical districts shall not have been made, conformably with the laws of the Roman Catholic Church." In other words, Mexican Catholics could cross between the two countries for religious purposes and no one else. However, American authorities removed this provision from Article IX before signing the treaty and altogether struck Article X, which guaranteed that the American government would respect the property rights of their new wards. Don't believe the Chicano Studies urban myth that said the treaty guaranteed bilingual rights for Mexicans or that such a provision would even apply to the Mexicans who now live in the American Southwest, almost all who have no historical ties to the conquered Mexicans (who by and large didn't consider themselves Mexican, but that's another story). Better yet, let's all just get over the fact that the southwest United States once belonged to Mexico — as I've written before, Mexico ruled those territories from 1812 until 1848, a chronological fart between the muchlonger reigns of the Spaniards (212 years), gabachos (158 years) and the Native Americans (eternal).

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1 Horrorcore hip-hop group whose fans are called Juggalos, for short 4 Longtime Boston Symphony

- Orchestra director Ozawa
- 14 Org. whose logo displays an eagle holding two guns
- 15 Statement accepted as
- 16 Occasional Stooge 17 Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, Louis Armstrong et al.? 19 Transition from one topic
- to another 20 Introduce a new product 21 Florida city about an hour and a half from Disney
- World 22 Chinese name of Taoist philosopher Lao-Tzu
- 23 Key at the top left 26 More sharp 27 Much-maligned imports of
- 29 Brain scans, for short

the 1980s

31 Goes bad

- 32 Device that cuts your fingernails without even touching them?
- 35 Electric shaver company 36 People who walk nervously during loud, stormy weather?
- 42 Greek god of love 43 "Bonne fete ___..." ("Happy Birthday" line, in Quebec)
- 44 Donald Sutherland mystery film of 1971
- 46 Gift recipients 48 Dir. opposite SSW 50 Abbr. meaning "in the
- same place," in footnotes 51 Sweater fabrics 52 Sesame seed paste
- -ski
- 55 Amount paid on a natural gas bill? 58 Actress Witherspoon of
- "Four Christmases" 59 In base 8
- 60 Prefix meaning "ear" 61 Word before code or shirt 62 Character who dies in "Top

63 "Smoking" alternative Down

1 When Independence Day and Bastille Day take place 2 Board game with the cate-

- gories "Data Head" and "Word Worm" 3 Spanish actress who
 - starred in "Sex and Lucia" and "Spanglish" 4 Short story writer H.H.
 - Munro's pen name 5 Force out of the country 6 "There's no team"
 - 7 Exercise in the park 8 Contacts while surfing the Web, perhaps
 - 9 Org. 10 Band who sang "Pictures of You" in 1990
 - 11 Will bequeather 12 Necklace charms with powers 13 "Womanizer" singer of 2008
 - 18 Like weightless situations in space, for short 24 Antiperspirant brand once advertised as "strong enough for a man

- 25 Budget brand of Intel CPUs 26 Org. with a shelter out-reach program
- Fein (Irish political
- party)
 30 Actress Peri of "Frasier" 33 Musical conclusions
- 34 Pit left by an acne scar 36 Highway cop
- 37 Roast subject, perhaps 38 Good-for-nothing 39 Former Secretary of State
- 40 River famously crossed by Caesar
- 41 ___ high heaven (really reek)
- 42 First name of a 1990 Johnny Depp title character 45 Phonograph inventor
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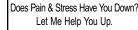
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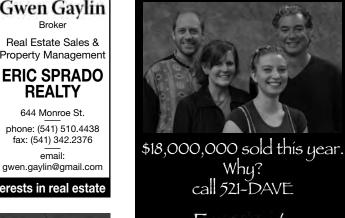
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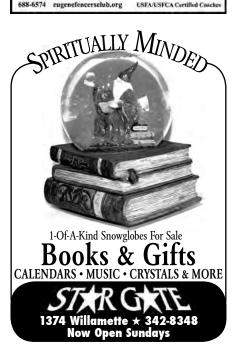
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SHY, KIND, OPEN-MINDED

Hi.I am coming to the area soon and my sis has signed me up here to meet a nice guy. I enjoy Eugene and Country F Greengal, 44, 53, #102843

NEW TO TOWN

I tend to wander, but am not lost, I have explored the world, but am finding peace here in my new home. Looking for a companion MountainGoat, 27, (4102833)

ARTFUL. COMPASSIONATE.

ROMANTIC
Im a bright, sincere woman looking for those qualities in men. Hope for sparks in this equation!Love nature,movies,art, and antiques.Enjoy good food, yet balance staying fit. southernbelle, 52, 130, 14102787

NEW TO FLIGENE

I'm a laidback single mother who just moved to eugene about 6 months ago.i'm looking to meet new ppl and maybe find a decent rest. guy different from the r Krystalk11, 22, 100, #102802

WHAT UP GIRL

Me: Outgoing, student, free spirit. Espresso roma, wow hall, skinner butte. Hove the Eug. Need anoth er gorgeous girl to tackle this town with. Must love reggae and Arrested Development. **Breezy**, 19 102788

GODDESS SEEKS LOVER

Seeking capable, big, tall lover for sweet but HOT evenings with a REAL woman. I am very sexy and I enjoy hot tubs, being wined and dined, and lingerie. sexygoddess, 41, 27, 2003, #102783

CRAZY DANCING

OUTDOORSWOMAN
Honest, caring, and open-minded. My talents include plate juggling, sudoku. tigerlily, 48, 150,
#102770

WALKING CONTRADICTION

People who love me say I am generous, loyal, honest, intelligent and beautiful. Others say I can be challenging, difficult, and passionate. Why not all? What say you? diamondeyes68, 40,

HERE I AM

Looking for someone to talk to, trips to the coast, dancing, camping, staying in to watch movies, going to concerts, spending family time with me and possibly my. ly time with me and possibly my 3 girls. windrivernativegirl, 45, #102725

ROASTED PINE NUTS

am honest, funny, smart, cute, loving, unafraid, ıggly. tabbicat76, 32, #102713



CUDDLING TEDDY BEAR

Perfect Sunday "Touch and Carress, Make Love, breakfast in bed, shower together, ML, lay on couch, fire, movies, and ML, early dinner, walk the dog/s. & cuddle ML!" kozycúdler, 44, 🖘, **102747**

SEXY HOT DYKE

hey i am 23 and a taurus i am a hopeless romantic i love making people laugh and going out to movies.smokes pot.hot and sexy, cuddles too. Tayton1, 23, 50

RED MEAT spittle-specked pulpit of pith



What am I supposed to do with that much milk? The vast majority of it will very probably spoil before I am able to consume it. You can always do what I do when I have rotten milk

And that's to foist it off on unsuspecting rubes. Ha! Ha! That batch of yours was in the back seat of my Skylark for god-knows-how-long. Not a chance. It might be sliceable, though

MAX CANNON

NO EXPECTATIONS

Take it easy. I only charged you for seven

Open Minded, intelligent & attractive w/ meduim build. Love to make people laugh. Looking to meet intriguing & wonderful woman. Let's get to know one another and see what happens another and see what happens Itsnotme, 31, ☎, ■○□, #102546

WITTY LINE HERE

I am a down to earth girl. What do you love to do? I am a Pisces and they say my perfect match is " really? annie27, 28, 1026, #102653

POETIC MINDFUL MUSE

Live with intention and passion Live with intention and passion.
Blush with shyness. Kind, honest, quirky? Come dance in the livingroom. Fall freely into the arms of life. Be my poem. Purring cougar awaits. Pounce! windswept, 53, 25, #102143

LIVELY AND MUSICAL!

Fun, easy to talk to, and pretty much awesome. That would be me. Everyone likes a lady who knows herself! Hit me up od time. Caedielady, 19, #102004

SEXY AND SMILING

SEAY AND SMILING
I'm the brightest wallflower you
can see. Looking for someone to
laugh with, play with and who
won't mind if I shed a tear or two.
Must love chocolate. sassy_mermaid, 37, and #101835

MOTHA FUCKIN ROCKSTAR

muina Fuckin ROCKSTAR
Single and laid back just wanna
find someone laid back who
wants to hang out and see what
happens must love to go out and
be easy on the eyes. chris2620,
25, 1102865

TRAVELWISE

Its hard trying to describe myself. I chalk most of my life up to experience, and there have been too many to list. Cagney, 46, 46, 4102854

WRITER DREAMER HEALER

Energy worker, published author who specializes in spreading happiness and joy through my writing and work. 57 - 230 lbs -6'1". Seeking happy, smart, sassy JoyousGuy, 57, ..., #102851

REVOLUTIONARY MONK Tired of shallow fakeness and

generic stereotypical people. I love life and Gaia and thirst for wisdom. Buddha is my Jesus. Peace. **paulen**, **24**, **50**, **#102810**

PROVOCATIVE, YET DEMURE. 'm a nice guy, looking for a com-panion, a partner, a lover. Massages, dinner parties, adven tures, hot springs, painting the town red, music, laughing, Lots of

laughing! Jeffy, 24, 101637

CURIOUS CARRESSIONS Want to explore the PNW with a woman who likes touching, shared adventures & spontaneous experiences, a comfortable futon, and the pleasure of red wine & chocolate befire. drgreg, 57, #102839

A NEW JOURNEY

Embracing my inner artist, looking for a like spirited soul who is kind, compassionate, caring, knows how to balance gentleness and strength, both physically and emotionally, humor is must. WhiteSpirit, 46, #102790

HAVE SOME TIME?

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Me: Tall, moderate looking slender person. You: Interesting, funny, intelligent, and politically minded. All I ask is that you accept my quirks, and hopefully are comfortable with a wear all it represents. uoregonduckman, 21, 102778

LIVELY UP YOURSELF

new to town, athletic, laidback, love xsports, outdoor activities. I also dabble in music, playing, singing, dancing. looking for friends.dating.maybe longterm. nmer, **42**, ☎, **■** □ , **#102765**



SHY LOCAL TRUCKER

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KIND. NOT PUSHOVER

i'm nice, easy to know, i love to write, cuddle but i'm not without my wild werewolf. any info you want ask me yourself alright?? if , I'LL LET YOU KNOW i like you, I'LL LET YOU blackfeather, 23, #102225

MIKE'S SONG

Let's do a twenty minute Roses Are Free jam. "Ouch." I'll be in the Flatiron District three doors down from CBGB's at Von's with Stockton Pie. 31. 101877

CREATIVELY AMUSED

Fun, but sometimes shy. Looking for guys 18-28 for fun, friends, and amusement. I love many dif ferent things. Bowling, staying at . Hit me up.



FUN, SILLY, FRIENDLY

to the area and looking for friends to hang out with. I to do things outdoors (hik-camping, going on road ktotharista, 25, 100, #102872

WACKY BI FACH-BI ONDE VEGAN

Me: elementary ed student at LCC, housing co-oper. Enjoy dancing, hoola hooping, bicycles, live music, coloring, whole plant foods, hanging out, new friends (or.?) You: care, like to have fun. Mojo, 19, 🚾 , #102850

WANT FRIENDS

I'm new here and interested in language exchange and sharing thoughts and cultures with you. I want good friends to share wonderful experiences and advendreamer. 31. 102844

JUST LOOKING

alright. I'm not perfect far from it. I'm a very kind and caring person. im looking for someone to coast. 75006, 47, #102827



SEXY DYKES 12/06 I saw you two sexy ladies making out by the bar ALL NIGHT LONG! I would of traded places with either one of you! HOT HOT HOT! When: Saturday, December 6, 2008. Where: John Henrys. You: Woman. Me: Woman. #900435

VRC NATE T.

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YOU: running concerts, front of
Macy*s, blue/dress shirt w/khakis.
Gorgeous eyes! ME: watching choir,
red vertical-ribbed sweater, black
jeans, cast on left hand/arm.
Looking: unique/funny guys for
coffee or whatever. When: Tuesday,
December 9, 2008. Where: Valley
River Center ? Macy's side. You:
Man. Me: Man. #900436

TRAIN TRACKS TRESPASSING

SAMETIME NEXT YEAR

But we've missed a few, have we not? Panama, not Florida... soon. I have something for you Sky call me again. I cant call vou. PH) When: Saturday, September 27, 2003. Where: New Frontier market. You: Woman. Me: Man. #900433

GATEWAY BUS 2:30/3:00

You told me I was beautiful as you got off the bus. I'd been thinking the same about you. Magnetic and exciting, you touched something sweet in me. Thank you! When: Thursday, December 4, 2008. Where: Sat across from me on the bus. You: Man. Me: Woman. #900432

CONQUERING

Beating all the unthinkable! Beating all odds! We love you Mama-B & all that you do. U get em girl! When:
Thursday, December 11, 2008.
Where: All Over. You: Woman. Me:
Man. #900431

SWEEEEEEEET LUNCH DELIVERY

Blue-eyed honey pie who saved me from soggy fries- THANK YOU! you made my day, then ran away... wish you'd stayed longer to play! hooray! When: Saturda December 6, 2008. Where: Swee oman. #900430

<u>free_will_astrology</u> BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's an ideal time for you to throw a party for all the people you've ever been and all the different selves who live within you now. Invite the teenager who once seethed with frustrated potential and the 4-year-old who loved nothing more than to play. Include the hopeful complainer who stands in the shadows and dares you to ask for more, as well as the brave hero who comes out every now and then to attempt seemingly impossible feats of happiness. Don't forget any of the various personalities who have contributed to making you who you are. Celebrate your internal

diversity. Marvel at how good you are at changing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Novelists and actors make a living by using their imaginations to create fictional stories. In recent years there has emerged a new group of workers whose pretending skills also earn them money. They make imaginary weapons, armor, potions, and other computer-generated gear to sell to people who play online role-playing games like *World of Warcraft*. I bring this to your attention. Taurus, because you're in a favorable phase to put your imagination to work in practical ways that increase your prosperity and security. As soon as you're finished reading this horoscope, start brainstorming about specific things you could do to convert fantasies into real-world wealth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I'm pleased to be able to offer you a Zen riddle that will prepare you well for the immediate future. Study it, meditate on it, and refer back to it often when dealing with upcom ing challenges. Question: What did the big chimney say to the little chimney? ?Answer: nothing. Chimneys can't talk. I don't want to explain all the nuances of this helpful conundrum, Gemini, because it'll serve you better if you come to your own conclusions. But l'Il get you started with this hint: Be vigilant for trick questions, and don't let those trick guestions frame the debates you engage in. Do you know what red herrings and straw men are? Don't get distracted by them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I've got three related questions for you, Cancerian. 1. Are there any roles you play in which your selfish and unselfish tendencies overlap? 2. What situations allow you to be nost completely yourself as you provide a fine service to others? 3 Which of your skills generate the most blessings and gifts? The next 12 months will be a favorable time for you to identify these roles, situations, and skills, and cultivate them to the max. You'll have prime opportunities to express your special genius while doing good deeds

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): What country has more sand than any other? With its vast deserts, Saudi Arabia has got to be near the top of the list. Nevertheless, the Saudi government forbids the export of sand, worrying that it might eventually run out due to its construction industry's demands for the stuff. This irrational fear reminds me of you. Leo. You, too, have a certain bountiful resource that will never be depleted – and yet you're chronically worried that it will.

Please adjust your thinking. It's an excellent time to get more realistic about the true nature of your abundance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): After meditating on how best to energize your love life, I decided to direct you to this passage from John Welwood's book Perfect Love, Imperfect Relationships: Healing the Wound of the Heart: "Everyone knows perfect love in their heart, for the human heart is a direct channel through which absolute love pours into this world. At the same time, human relationships are imperfect expressions of that love. This creates a painful gap between the perfect love we know in our hearts and the imperfect, incomplete ways it is expressed in our relationships. When we imagine that relative human love should be something it is not absolutely unconditional – we suffer disappointment and wind up distrusting love itself. We also hold grievances against others for not loving us rightly or against ourselves for not having won that love This gives rise to a universal human wound – the sense of not feeling loved for who we are.'

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "I was walking down the street agonizing over what to do about a particularly troublesome person in my life," writes Tai Moses in her blog (aerophant.com), "when I saw a playing card laying facedown on the sidewalk. I turned it over." It was a joker. Her thoughts immediately turned to the words of the philosopher Alan Watts: "When you get the message, hang up the phone." I hope you'll be inspired by Moses' experience, Libra. For now, the best approach to take with your knotty dilemmas is to welcome them as wild cards and X-factors that will bring you interesting experiences and valuable lessons – and just stop worrying about

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In one episode of the TV show Seinfeld, Elaine couldn't get her favorite Chinese restaurant to deliver take-out food to her apartment. The manager said her neighborhood was just beyond the boundary of where his drivers were authorized to travel. But Elaine was determined. She went over to the apartment building across the street, which was within the restaurant's delivery zone, and set up an alternate home for herself in a janitor's closet. I suggest you adopt a similar strategy, Scorpio. If you can't get what you want in the place where you are, shift your location.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There are 300,000 surveillance cameras set up all over the city of Beijing, spying constantly on its citizens. London, a supposed bastion of democracy, has 500,000 such cameras. I highly recommend you don't visit either place in the coming weeks, Sagittarius. It's crucial for you to avoid influences that make you feel self-conscious or guilty. You've got to hang out in spots where you're not being watched, scrutinized, and evaluated. While you're at it, you might also want to tell your Inner Critic to shut the hell up. You need wide-open, judgment-free spaces, both without and within.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In California's recent election, citizens voted to liberate poultry. Proposition 2 passed, mandating that from now on farmers cannot confine chickens in cages where they're unable to spread their wings. Meanwhile, in the same election, voters decided to make it illegal for gay people to be married, a right that had previously been granted by the California Supreme Court. How odd is it that chickens got a measure of freedom while gays had one of their precious freedoms cut away? I'm warning you to be wary of a metaphorically similar scenario looming in your personal life, Capricorn: in which one liberty is upgraded while another is sacrificed. Fight to make sure there's no net loss.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Would you like to consistently be in the right place at the right time in the coming weeks? Personally, I'd love you to have that knack. It would make my job more enjoyable, since I could fall asleep each night with the comforting thought that you are meeting your dates with destiny while you're at the height of your powers. So what IS the best way to ensure that you will have impeccable intuition and a great sense of timing? Here's what I say: Set aside all expectations about what the past implies and what the future may bring. Instead, cultivate a desire to recognize and respond to the raw truth of each new moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There's a new elective surgery that makes it impossible to ever blush again. It's an expensive procedure that involves boring a hole in your armpit and cutting the nerve endings that are responsible. I wouldn't recommend it for you, even though you're entering a phase when you'll be more prone than usual to blushing. Why? Because, according to my projections, your main reason for blushing in the coming days will be due to receiving sudden, unexpected, or long-withheld praise. I believe it'll be a time when you're acknowledged for the good things you do. Blush away!

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YOU GOOD ENOUGH?

nothing serious, just something to get me hot. tattoos a plus. i like being fun and playful in the bedroom but i need a man to

ALLUREKITTY The next phase in my me Allurekat, 44, 102675

NEED MORE EXCITEMENT Life is short so let's enjoy it Liven up my Sex life. Be Real eager4more, 47, 13, #102654

WORKMEOUT

What is a Queen Baby?It isn't a female dom. Queen Baby is a submissive who is not only disci-plined by her Daddy, but pamand worshipp eenBaby, 30, #102493

CURIOUS KINKY

HARRISBURGER
Always looking to try new things
and experiment. I'm usually the
dominant partner, but i enjoy
being the submission one come being the submissive one sometimes. **Biegler66**, 19, **Eq.**, #102342



WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

HOT MAMA

Seeking a woman who is interested in getting to know one another, then see what happens, if we play or not. **justbudding**, **52**, **\$\pi\$**, #102824

LOOKING FOR..

Looking for fun first but maybe more. Just casual now, but not against more. I am very laid back.... JRC, 25, #102408

SEXY LITTLE VIXEN

SWF: Bi-sexual, 40, attractive, blonde/blue, 105 lbs. I love foreplay & pleasure and an looking for a female to play with. "NSA", 1-on-1 or possible 3-come with my man fit. SWEpossible 3-some with my man. **lit-tlevixen**, **47**, **3**, **3**, **4102363**

FANTASIES

FANTASIES
Female seeking butch who is dominant,help me explore my bad girl side. I am open to persuasion in most areas. Prefer non smokers. Definitely a bottom. Love being taken Discretion expected.

CuriousKink, 46, #, #102284

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LETS HAVE FUN

Im lookin' for a lover who wont blow my cover... She's so hard to find. So take it easy. Don't let the sound of your own whe you crazy. peaceface, 20, 1102754

PASSIONATE PLEASURE

vant a sexually attractive female male preferably with tattoos, errors or body mods, clean, that the gets the urge to find beautiful piercings or body mods, clean, that just gets the urge to fuck beautiful people ... **fun, 19, #102528**

I'm looking for a woman (some couples ok) who is into hours of oral pleasures. I'm new but am wet and willing... let's see if we're a match. naughtymommy, 28, #102330

BORED AND HORNY Would like to have some fun without judgment. WitchBaby, 21,

SEXY GIRLIE GIRL
with preference for transmen,
also into butches and men seeking honest, kind, passionate person with intact sense of humor to date, play with, FWB's. Want stimulating conversation and fantastic



MEN SEEKING WOMEN

FOR YOUR PLEASURE

30 words only??? that sucks!! im a guy.... we can get off easily. thats why my fetish and/or intrests are solely on giving women the most incredible, mulgodsgift2u, 29, 📭, #102863

JUST WANT SEX

just want to get off, maybe have a few nights of meeting, just hard sex. rusty, 24, #102860

THE MAN

Looking for a woman whose up for anything. Not really picky. Just new to this =). duck-Just new to this =). C man2052, 19, ■□ , #102859

ACTIVE TONGUE

not sure. Seeing strange pussy is a turn on. If clean and and discreet would like to meet. Alw to learn. **bacsi**, **68**, #102853

SEXY ITALIANO

want a very sexy, erotic, unihibit-ed female to play with!! i am new to eugene and do not want a l.t.r.i love getting mine but i love giving more!!! **penguin63**, **45**, **#102846**

HUNGRY, DISCREET, PLAYFUL New to this, so show me how it's done. Not looking for anything serious, but who knows. I'm easygoing, but have a voracious

ing. RT541, 23, 102, #102830 SOLDIERGUY

SOLDIERGUY

I am looking for fun while I am here for the remaining months before deployment. No serious relationships. Discreet sexual encounters only.;). Justino0520, 22. 53, #102840



MEN SEEKING MEN

CURIOUS WITH APPETITE looking for salsaboy22. you out there? liven up my life. can you give me something to be excited about? Wolfboy, 20, 20, #102867

BONDAGE TOP

Bondage Top, 36, seeks other men 21-40 who want to be tied up. This is all about domination an role-playing, not sex. You'll have a fun and suspenseful night! **TopMan**, **36**, **#102539**

LOOKING FOR DADDY
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man to show me how to be a
good, submissive boy toy for him and his friends. I'm yours for the taking. rustboy62, 24, #102477

LEARNING LIMITS, SIR

want to realize my fantasies.... slim, submissive, obedient, and seeking a patient, experienced master who will train me and teach me what i am to do.... cancerian. 38. #102375

IT'S ALL GOOD!

i a "daddy" who loves ing/watching sex. I like gentle, ow buildup to a happy ending for us. **Eugene_Guy**, **60**, **#102336**



MEN SEEKING ...

I'M ALL YOURS looking for hot sensual discreet encounter bi white male. viking11, 42, #102743

LUSTFULL PLEASURES

i am looking for people to have some fun with and explore our sexuality...new to the game but lots to bring to the table. must be discrept and expen minded pe discreet and open minded. nitsu, 33, 102779

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younger sexy playful couple looking for a third to join and explore our sexual fantasies and ing101, 22, #102862

"FIRST TIME"

"FIRST TIME"
I'm 24 always into being with
another women. But it never
came by. So now I'm looking for
a women to show me what I've
been missing. JCsNieveKitty, 24,
3, #102849

MADLY CRAVING THIRD

Passionate love affair seeks altruis-tic woman for first time sensory seduction culminating in climax Must respect our love affair. La petite mort, vigorous, shameless. Here's the invitation. Awaiting your RSVP. 2beautifulls, 37, #102632

HOT COUPLE LOOKING

We are looking for a couple or single woman to play with and more.Lets start with flirty emails & pics, then go from there. sexy-couple2, 46, and #102496

COUPLE BRANCHING
Couple branching out. JJZ, 28, #102487

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Savage Love

WORDS OF PURE WISDOM by Dan Savage



I am obsessed with my girlfriend sitting on my face so I can eat her out while my nose penetrates her. It drives her crazy as well. I am wondering if you have heard of a dildo that could be mounted on my face, specifically on my nose, so that I penetrate her more deeply while she sits on my face and I lick her clit? Basically, I want her to be able to really ride my face while I lick her clit.

Strange Fantasy Dude

"Sadly, there's no out-of-the-box solution I can recommend," says Cory Silverberg of Come As You Are, Toronto's worker-owned-and-operated sex shop. "There are harnesses that are meant to strap on to the head, like the Head-On Harness available at Stockroom.com. But it covers the mouth." So you wouldn't be able to eat your girlfriend out with one buckled to your face. out with one buckled to your face.

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Cory continues, "And there is the often-poked-fun-at Accommodator." (A latex harness that straps a dildo to your chin and looks just as ridiculous as it feels.) "But it isn't hollow, so it couldn't be worn comfortably over the nose," he says. And finding something that fits comfortably over your nose is going to be your biggest problem. "It would need to be hollow," explains Cory, "but it would need enough heft such that it wouldn't be constantly buckling and hitting you in the mouth or between the eyes. The tricky thing is that the nose is so close to the eyes, anything with straps might distinct the eyes in an uncomfortable way." dig in or at least go over the eyes in an uncomfortable way."

So what do you do?

"Get in touch with a good harness maker and ask if they do custom work," Cory recommends. "One of my favorites is Outlaw Leather in Seattle (www.outlawseattle.com)." Outlaw Leather produces high-quality dildo harnesses and could, in theory, make you a dildo harness that fits comfortably over your nose. Custom work is expensive, of course. "But no one said dreams came cheap," says Cory.

But if you're going to go the custom-made route, SFD, I think you might have better

luck with a custom-made hood. They're designed to be worn over the nose, and most have mouth openings. You could easily have one made with a wider mouth opening and an extended nosepiece.

"You could also go the Cyrano de Bergerac route," says Cory, "and look into getting a high-quality prosthesis that fits over the nose." He thinks the folks lurking at Pinocchia (forums.pinocchia.com) - a site for guys into girls with big noses – might have some idea where to get a prosthesis.

I'm a 30-year-old, mildly genderqueer, bi-leaning-het male virgin. I'm not uncomfortable around women – pretty much all of my friends are women – I don't really have any confidence issues, and I know I'm not a prude. But for reasons too complicated to get into here, I just haven't gotten around to screwing anybody yet. I'm waiting for the right person, and it just hasn't happened yet. I don't want to have sex with somebody who's drunk or emotionally vulnerable or manipulate anybody, and it's very important to me that sex be (among other things) a form of affection and not isolated sex-forsex's-sake.

I know I'm the only person who can answer the question of whether I want to have sex right now. But do I need to have sex right now? Because one day I'm going to fall in love, and it's going to get sexual. The message I hear from a lot of people I respect is that I'm going to pay a price for waiting until then to get laid. Am I? Am I probably going to be okay?

Virgin At Thirty

Yeah, you'll be okay – but by ruling out drunks, the emotionally vulnerable, and the easily manipulated, VAT, you increase the odds that you'll remain a virgin for the rest of your natural life. A lot of very beautiful relationships – to say nothing of a lot of very timely deflowerings – owe their existences to booze, emotional vulnerability, and a little well-timed, well-intentioned manipulation.

And wherever did you get the idea that sex-for-sex's-sake can't also be affectionate?

I'm a 28-year-old woman. I've been with my current boyfriend for five years. He's married and has been telling me the whole time that he's going to leave his wife eventually. There's always an excuse: a crisis with the kids, money problems, etc. I've been stupid to stay with him for so long, but I just can't keep away from him.

I just found out I'm pregnant, and I haven't told my boyfriend. This is the second time we've been pregnant. Last time he reacted very badly, and I miscarried after a

few weeks. I know he'll want me to get rid of the baby, but I'm going to keep it. Whenever his wife goes away, I go over to the house to spend time with him. I've been planting evidence of our affair around the house in the hopes his wife will find it. So far, no luck. I'd like him to be man enough to leave her, but that's probably never going to happen. I could leave him, but if I do. I want to make sure he's miserable. I'm not going to vanish from his life and leave him all happily ever after. I'm thinking of going and telling his wife. What do you think? Is there any way I can force him to tell her?

Now The Other Mom

No advice for you, NTOM, but plenty of prenatal sympathy for a poor unfortunate fetus who deserves better parents or his very own miscarriage.

I will, however, hold on to your letter. I'm going to forward a copy to every doucheburst who writes in to tell me that gay marriage is wrong because every child deserves a mother and a father. Moms and dads can be great – I had a terrific set, myself – but mix-matched genitals are not enough. Kids need loving, fit, and reasonably sane parents. Having one twatted parent and one pricked parent does not guarantee a happy childhood.

l am a straight, 18-year-old girl and a college freshman. A couple of months ago, l lost my virginity to my first serious boyfriend, and since then we've been having sex several times a day. Apparently we have been a bit too enthusiastic because my boyfriend received a note from his downstairs neighbors. In crass and abusive lan-guage, they told us to keep it down. I was mortified. Post-note, I've been tense and nervous during sex, more focused on listening for the neighbors than enjoying the act. This is upsetting me terribly, and I don't know how to make it better. Even if we are both silent, the bed inevitably squeaks and thumps. There is really nowhere else on campus for us to go (I have three roommates who don't get out much.) What should I do? I am so depressed by this situation.

Loud And Clear

Go buy the original Broadway cast recording of *Avenue Q*. The next time you have ex, blast "You Can Be as Loud as the Hell You Want (When You're Makin' Love)" at top volume. When the neighbors complain about the music, tell them that they can listen to show tunes or put up with the noise you guys make when you have sex – their pick.

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